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Wartime Tenancy Bill Explained

ACTG. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS MAIN PURPOSE IS TO HELP THE TENANT

"If Government does nothing, the tenants will have to pay. Whatever is done will be to help the tenant—not the landlord—in spite of what the newspapers seem to imagine," said the Hon. G. E. Strickland, Acting Attorney General, when discussing "Wartime Tenancy" with the Press this morning.

Chief points of interest emerging from the discussion were:

Subject to certain exceptions, persons who did not give requisite notice to the landlord terminating their tenancy agreement are liable in law to pay rent for the whole of the occupation period;

Landlords cannot distrain for rent owing or get execution if the debtor has not the means to pay;

Decision has not yet been reached regarding cases where the landlord, content with having a tenant to protect his premises from looting, made no attempt to collect rent;

Government has no intention of collecting Crown rents or rates during the occupation period;

In the Attorney General's opinion, most landlords have accepted the position that, although legally entitled to do so, they will be unable to collect wartime rents.

Mr Strickland said that many people appeared to have misconceived the objects of the proposed bill, which was to introduce a "Temporary War Cause Relief" ordinance. The reason why the bill had not been published in the Press generally was that as yet it was only in draft form, and he had been trying to get outside views before taking it to the Executive Council. The draft had been circulated to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Law Society, the Kowloon Residents' Association and the Hongkong Volunteers' Association.

In case it appeared arbitrary to choose these bodies, he wished to point out that the KRA represented a large number of tenants and took a keen interest in questions relating to tenancy. As far as the Chambers of Commerce were concerned, he thought they represented the opinions of both landlords and tenants.

ORDINARY LAW

Under ordinary law, said the Attorney General, if a man leased a house and a bomb dropped on it, or he was kicked out by the Japs, or interned, or had to leave the country in fear of his life, he would

EDITORIAL

A Herculean Task

THE world is anxiously wondering what hopes there are that the truce agreed to between the Arabs and Jews, on the basis of the British resolution adopted by the United Nations Security Council, will lead to a final settlement of the Palestine problem. If hopes of a settlement are based on the statements which continue to be issued by both sides there can be little optimism. Arab leaders still insist that there can be no peace in Palestine while the Jews continue to claim a Zionist state in a land where the majority of the population is Arab; the Zionists insist that there is already such a State and that it has come to stay. The hard facts of the situation, however, may force a compromise. Having fought a battle for Palestine both sides may come to feel that honour is vindicated and that their claims can be modified. Unless some such progress is made in the discussions with the mediator, Count Bernadotte, on the island of Rhodes, it is useless for Britain, America or anyone else to put forward a new plan. Much of course is going on behind the scenes. Britain is continuing to use her influence with the Arab governments to come to a settlement and the United States is expected to exert similar pressure on the Zionists. The island of Rhodes is certainly a better place to discuss the future of Palestine than the resounding halls of the United Nations, where every word is recorded and many speakers play to the gallery of world

opinion. In Rhodes, Count Bernadotte has a herculean task before him. He has shown himself a wise, patient negotiator already, and if he can bring the two sides to a settlement he will earn the gratitude of the world as well as save the good name of the United Nations. He has to try and persuade the Arabs and Jews to forget the complicated premises and arguments of the past and to face the future; some time these two peoples of Semitic race will have to settle down together as good neighbours in their small, rather desert country. He has to persuade them that it is in the interests of both sides to stop fighting. It is true that responsible Arab leaders believe that any Arab government which negotiates on the basis of acceptance of a Zionist State, however small, would at once be overthrown, which would lead to chaos and revolt; yet it is equally true that the Palestine battle cannot be fought out as an isolated incident, for too many nations are interested in this area because of its strategic importance, and because it is potentially the world's greatest oil-producing area. Wherefore, if Palestine is not to develop into a cockpit that may well mean the stars of an international war. Count Bernadotte has got to persuade the Arabs that they must lead their people to a better understanding of the situation. A prolonged war, possibly with the majority of the United Nations ranged against the Arabs, might result in that very chaos which they wish to avoid.

ROUND UP OF CHINESE

Bangkok, June 22.—Fifty "ring leaders in Chinese secret societies" were rounded up in surprise raids conducted by the Siamese police recently on 10 organisational headquarters. Most of those taken into custody will be deported, officials said today.

The raids were directed by Police Colonel Banchengnak Chiphaisak, chief of the C.I.D., and Police Lt-Col Chomras Mandukon, his deputy. Most of the society leaders are charged with soliciting funds to be used for political purposes and for the financing of Chinese schools. Public subscriptions of this sort are in violation of the law, unless permission is first obtained, the police said.

Some of the societies were pro-Kuomintang and some pro-Communist, CID officers said. Some of them had connections with the firearms plant which was raided by the police last month, they added.

Identities of the men arrested were not given.

Some of the organisations raided were the Chinese Education Association, the Chinese Union Workers Association, the Hallam Association, the Nanyang and Khiliang schools and the Chinese Youth Association. One newspaper was raided and a Chinese editor was among those taken into custody.—United Press.

CNS\$15 Million For Rice

Shanghai, June 23.—The retail price of rice went up to as high as CNS\$15,000,000 yesterday evening following the abolition of the ceiling by the authorities. It was learned.

The news apart occurred in spite of the official dumping of more than 60,000 piculs on the market to force the price down. Meanwhile according to the *Ta Kung Pao*, leading independent Chinese newspaper, banknotes equivalent to \$200,000 will soon be put into circulation. Highest denomination notes at present in circulation are \$100,000.

The paper added that a \$50,000 note will shortly be printed, and that 50 modern American printing machines had already arrived here.—Reuter.

Irgunists Fight Haganah

Clash At Tel-Aviv

London, June 22.—Fighting broke out in Palestine again—but this time among the Jews—as steel-helmeted Commandos from the extremist Irgun Zvai Leumi attempted to storm ashore near Tel-Aviv and began engaging Haganah forces.

United Nations truce observers immediately started an on-the-spot investigation into the clash between Israeli regulars and defiant Irgun terrorists, which resulted in several casualties last night when Jewish troops intercepted Irgun men unloading arms ship from Europe in defiance of the United Nations truce.

The Irgun men landed at noon today from an LST which beached itself last night on the Tel-Aviv waterfront and set up a beachhead. Israel Government troops withdrew, but four Irgun men were wounded when the Israel forces opened fire on the beachhead.

The crackle of machinegun fire rolled along the water-front as they sprayed the surf around the LST and the 1,820-ton Alatana—ammunition ship from Europe which the Irgun tried to unload.

SHIP SHELLED

Messages from Radio Israel indicated here late today that Haganah forces were shelling the Alatana. The ship was reported on fire, with her ammunition bursting in her holds and on her deck.

The extremist Irgun men, who landed ashore, succeeded under threat of "Don't shoot! Don't shoot!" in establishing a bridgehead for the unloading of about 800 volunteers and ammunitions cargo.

Haganah resisted, warning the Irgun Jews that the landing was a violation of the United Nations truce now in its 11th day.

The Israeli Government learned in advance of the Irgun plot to beach

"somewhere on the Palestine coast," and threw a cordon round the landing area.

GARRISON STANDS-TO

A Jewish Navy corvette met the gun-runner, whose captain refused to allow his ship to be boarded though told that an attempt to land arms would be a breach of the Palestine truce.

Tel-Aviv's garrison stood-to after the fight—first serious clash between Israel troops and dissident gunmen.

The Government announced it was determined to quell immediately any attempt to counter its authority.

In Cairo, meanwhile, King Abdullah from Transjordan settled down to talk with King Farouk of Egypt on the finalising of Arab peace plans for the Holy Land, due to be sent to the United Nations Mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte.

From Cairo he will fly to Ryad, capital of Saudi Arabia, to meet King Ibn Saud for the first time in 25 years.—Reuter.

NEW CARRIER LAUNCHED

Belfast, Northern Ireland, June 22.—The 18,000-ton aircraft carrier, Bulwark, launched here today, is to be completed as a first-line unit of the Royal Navy.

The 30,000-ton carrier Eagle and the 18,000-ton carrier Centaur are also completing at Belfast, but are not expected to be commissioned for several years.

The Bulwark will carry up to 50 aircraft.—Reuter.

Plan For Colony To Possess A Modern Trawler Fleet

If plans materialise, Hongkong will have its first modern trawler fleet within 18 months, probably comprising 30 vessels.

This, and the mechanisation of the Hongkong fishing fleet are not the only contemplated developments in the fishing industry.

SECONDARY INDUSTRY

Already at Aberdeen and Tai O the Government Fisheries Department has set up net-making establishments and samples of these nets have been sent to the United States.

The trawlers, when it comes into operation, will be operated by local private companies and owners, and it is hoped that the trawlers will fish as far south as the Gulf of Tonkin.

The trawlers will be registered in Hongkong and will be skippered by specially qualified trawling fishermen.

It is understood an Australian trawler-owner is interested in the Hongkong scheme and is considering bringing his trawler to the Colony.

It is possible that other trawlers may be obtained from Japan and Korea.

MECHANISATION OF FLEET

The Telegraph learns that the Government Fisheries Department is taking a keen and sympathetic interest in the trawling scheme, bearing in mind, at the same time, the interests of the huge local fishing fleet which now numbers 5,000 vessels.

One important plan is for the mechanisation of this fleet, but it is not yet known when that important development can be effected. One difficult obstacle is the cost.

The intention of the trawler fleet would be, not to compete in local waters with the existing Hongkong fishing fleet, but to trawl in the deeper waters south.

The eventual plan envisages a canning and smoking industry, whereby all surplus fish not required for the local market could be canned and exported overseas.

Thames Boatmen Join Dockers' Strike

London, June 22.—Many Thames boatmen decided tonight to join the London dock workers in their eight-day-old strike—shortly after union leaders had said they were confident the 10,000 dockers would go back to work tomorrow.

Earlier, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, had told Parliament that the Government expected the dockers to carry out a decision made this morning to resume work tomorrow.

He gave a warning that a continuation of the strike, which has immobilised 143 ships, would have a serious effect on Britain's national economy.

All provisions had been made, however, to make certain that perishable goods were not lost, he added.

Mr William Gallagher, Communist, said there were only 1,800 men at the trade union meeting when the decision to resume work was taken by a great majority, whereas over 6,000 at an unofficial meeting had taken the opposite decision.

Mr Attlee replied: "Your figures are quite wrong."

Vast quantities of food held up in the docks by the strike include over 4,000,000 eggs, tens of thousands of tons of potatoes, 136,000 stems of bananas, and £30,000,000 worth of tobacco.

The situation, which was considered by the Cabinet today, is made easier by a sympathy strike of cold storage men, but the food ration for the current week is thought to be secure.—Reuter.

No Basis For Agreement

Berlin, June 22.—Financial experts from each of the four powers governing Germany discussed currency reform behind closed doors for five and a half hours in Berlin tonight, without reaching any agreement.

Sir Cecil Weller, leader of the British delegation, said, when they had ended: "We could find no basis for an agreement." Mr Jack Bennett, who headed the American negotiators, said: "We could not get any agreement."

None of the financial officials would give details of the discussions until they have made their report officially to the Military Governor.—Reuter.

Gives Away 7 Children

Miami, Florida, June 22.—William Harvey, US\$75-a-week radio announcer, has given away his seven children to seven different Florida families through a want ad.

Harvey said he could not make enough money to support them.

He offered his family for adoption in a classified advertisement in a Miami newspaper on June 15. It took only six days to find takers among 21 answers, he said.

Harvey said the money he was able to make was not enough to take care of his children—ranging from eight years to nine months in age—and his sick wife.

"I got tired of dodging bill collectors," he explained. "Besides, my wife and I felt it wasn't good for the children to have to move around and not know where their home was."—United Press.

SYDNEY WITHOUT ELECTRIC POWER

Sydney, June 22.—The Government has ordered all industrial electrical power cut off from midnight tonight for 24 hours.

The action followed an acute coal shortage resulting from strikes in the past week.—United Press.

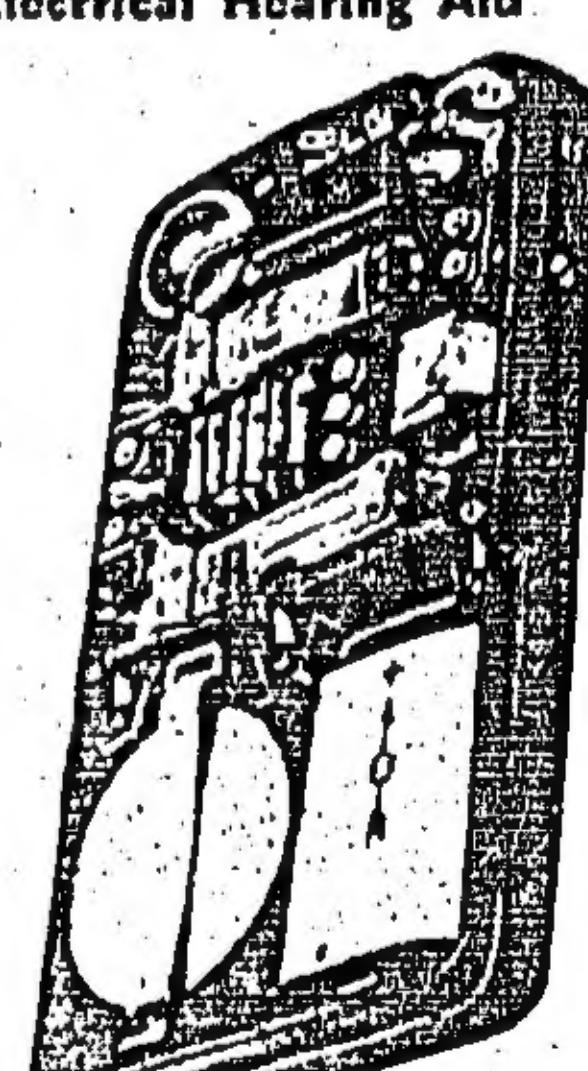
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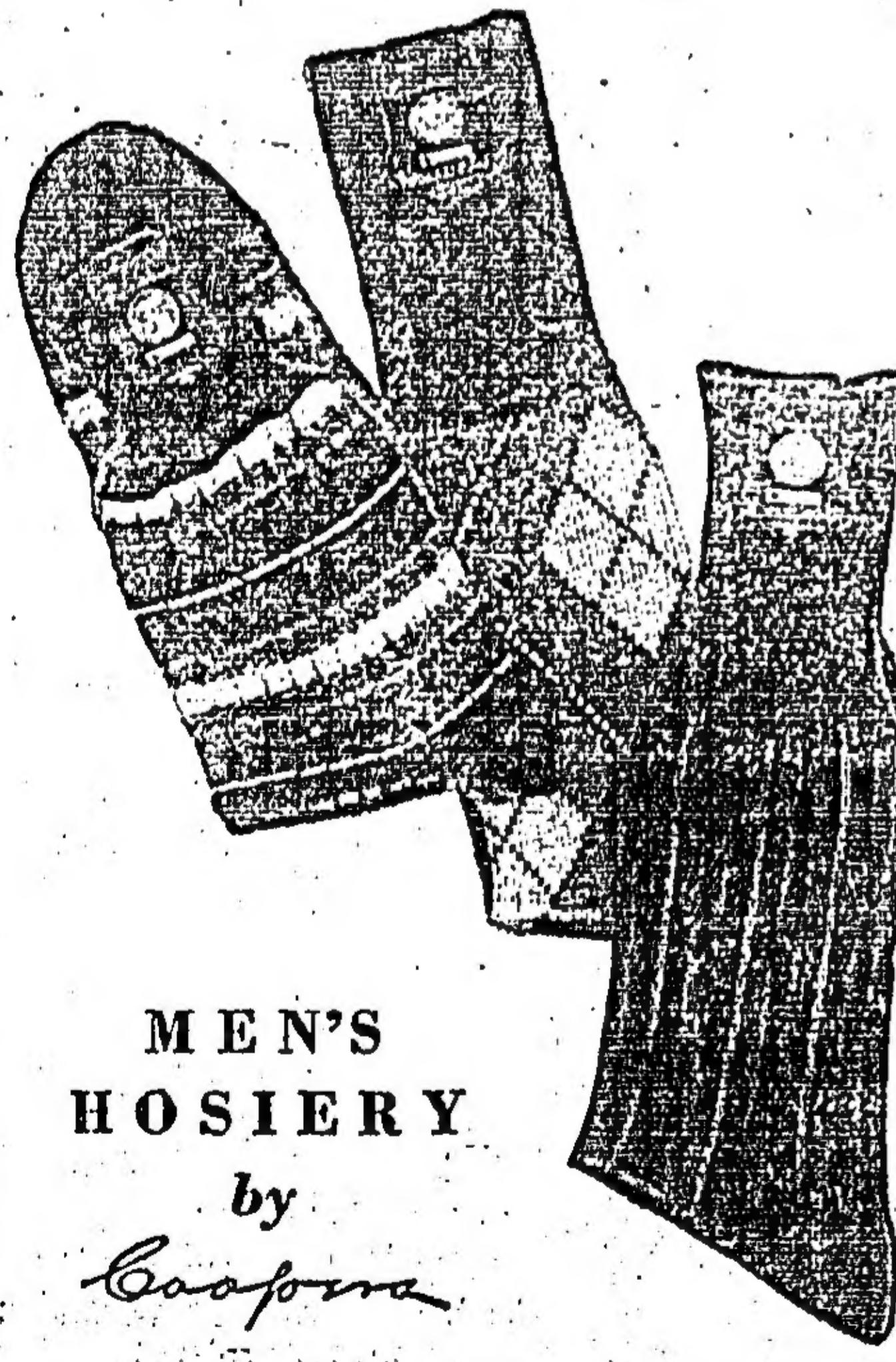
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Shown in London. How does she sit? She lifts the bow up.

Decorations
To Make
A Home

MOST women have the common desire for a nice home," Mrs. W. G. Robertson told members of the King George V School Parents' Association on Monday in a talk she gave at the YMCA on "Interior Decoration." She added that this was based on two things—desire for comfort and pride of appearance.

She stressed simplicity as the keynote of successful planning, whether the home is to be furnished in European, Chinese or very modern style.

Illustrating her talk with pictures, Mrs. Robertson spoke in general on colour planning, furniture arrangement, and choice of fabrics and designs. She also gave some practical examples of inexpensive but attractive ornaments.

First of all, she advised, select the colour for your walls that would be in harmony with family tastes, will brighten the house, especially if it is an old one, will make it look more cheerful. Her idea is that this colour should be used even in the furniture. As for colours, she said, choose preferably one that is a mixture of two colours, so that one of these can be brought out for effect.

COOL AND WARM

If the original colour chosen is a cool one, then warm accents should be used. With cool-looking olive green walls, for instance, the same in darker tones for the furniture, a pink-grey could be a warm colour to use for some conspicuous article or articles in the room for contrast and effect.

In a small home a flexible colour should be chosen so that furniture can be moved around from one room to another without any ill effects. Green and various shades of it are the popular colours of today, but grey is growing in popularity, and, in Mrs. Robertson's opinion, will be the next smart colour.

Furniture should be arranged sensibly with an eye for comfort and balance. A usual group arrangement is around a fireplace, near a bookcase or near a radio where one can relax comfortably and in peace. Small group arrangements are popular for this makes it easy for conversation. Lamps should be placed so that light falls over the correct shoulder (left). Cushions should be colourful and comfortable. The latest designs are fairly large and buttoned in the centre with a quilt-type of button.

RUGS AND CARPETS

Rugs should be chosen with care. Some people prefer to purchase their rugs or carpets before they furnish their room. Plain rugs are in style, but if you should want to select an oriental one, it is better to keep to plain walls and hangings.

Mrs. Robertson pointed out how ferns and leaves that can be found on the hillsides, such as "elephant's ears," could be used effectively for decorating a side table. In a coloured bowl or glass vase, harmonising with your room and filled with pebbles or sand, you could place a branch of the leaves or ferns you prefer. A pair of porcelain figures, an ornated ashtray or some decorative piece would be all that is necessary to complete an effective type of ornament.

RED RYDER



3-15

Prelude to
a good appetite is—

The Soup

"MADAME, I want you to stir until the mixture leaves the sides of the sauce pan. Let it cool; then beat in 2 egg yolks and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt; last beat 2 egg whites stiff and fold them in. Drop by teaspoonfuls into 2 qts. of boiling salted water; cover and steam 10 min. Lift out the balls with a perforated spoon, and use at once."

"Danish" style meat ball soup," he announced.

"If this is a sample I'd like a whole bowl!" I remarked scooping up the last spoonful.

"I have planned it for the dinner," remarked the Chef. "Of course it is not so rich as it was made in Denmark," he went on, "and I have Americanised the method of making it in the hurry-up manner."

Chopped Beef

"This is a very substantial and tasty combination," he said. "A wonderful way to make a little chopped beef serve a family; and those dumplings are so light they are like steamed cream puffs."

"Bravo, Madame, you have guessed it exactly. I made the dumplings from cream puff dough. It is a method the Danish people like very much."

"Well Chef, this soup is so good let's make the whole dinner Danish style."

"We could start with a little hering in sour cream and perhaps some pickled beets and dark bread," the Chef suggested.

"But the soup is so substantial, I think it can be served for both the opening and the main course," I said. "And let's have that salad my Danish friend told me about. It's made of macaroni cut in inch lengths and boiled till barely tender. This is well drained and mixed with a little French dressing and some cooked string beans. It's chilled and blended with mayonnaise which has been mixed with fresh grated horseradish."

"And Chef, it would be very nice to complete this Danish dinner by having their famous red pudding for dessert. It is made of red currants, raspberries and cherries; but as they are out of season right now, we can buy prepared packaged red pudding and make that up."

The Chef offered an alternative suggestion—A delicious baked apple sauce pudding. "It is the Danish cousin of the American Apple Betty," he remarked.

DINNER

Danish Meat Ball Soup
Puffy Dumplings
Macaroni and String Bean Salad
Horseradish Mayonnaise
Apple Sauce Pudding
Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Danish Meat Ball Soup

8 c. of clear beef stock are needed for this soup. Or substitute 8 c. boiling water seasoned with 5 tsp. beef extract, or 8 bouillon cubes; or use canned consomme or beef bouillon diluted with water. The meat balls and dumplings must be cooked separately, for if boiled in the soup, it becomes cloudy.

Meat Ball for Soup. Purchase 1 lb. lean beef and order it chopped. At home put it through the chopper twice with 1 small peeled onion, 1 oz. beef stiel or fat, and 2 tbsp. flour. Add 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper. Then work in $\frac{1}{2}$ c. warm milk. Beat and mix thoroughly. Form into small balls with a tea-spoon. Have a frying pan half filled with boiling sauted water. Drop in the meat balls and allow boil 10 min. Prepare the dumplings separately. Serve the soup in soup plates, with a garnish of 3 to 4 meat balls, and 2 or 3 puffy dumplings floating on top.

Danish Puffy Dumplings

Melt 4 tbsp. margarine in a small sauce pan. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour all at once; mix it thoroughly. To this add $\frac{1}{2}$ c. boiling water; cook and stir until the mixture leaves the sides of the sauce pan. Let it cool; then beat in 2 egg yolks and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt; last beat 2 egg whites stiff and fold them in. Drop by teaspoonfuls into 2 qts. of boiling salted water; cover and steam 10 min. Lift out the balls with a perforated spoon, and use at once."

One Condition



3-15



By Fred Harman

Massage is Good for Scalp



Before a shampoo, Screen Star Virginia Huston advises application of a good hair tonic.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SOME beauty shops are combining scalp massage and shampoo in one treatment. It is recommended to those cash customers who have too frequent permanents. Your good looks reporter will tell you of the various steps and, if you are an amateur, with briskness, lifting the flesh if you can.

Now you are ready for your head ducking. Turn on the spray in the bath tub, have a strong rinsing current of water. You are going to rinse away the first application of cream or oil to remove surface dust. The second application must be foiled into a foam, rinsed away thoroughly.

The success of a shampoo depends mainly upon elbow grease and plenty of running water. Even the best shampoo agent must be thoroughly removed, if the hair is to have life and lustre afterward.

Dry the hair partially with a soft towel. Starting at one side, comb out the tangles, strand by strand. Then form pin curls. If you use a form lotion, don't have it too thick and heavy; it may dry out your precious hair.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Willy Toad Did Magic Tricks

—He Gave a Caterpillar Wings to Fly—

By MAX TRELL

THERE was a large crowd standing around Willy Toad's mushroom on the other side of the garden wall. The potato-bugs were there in their red-speckled suits, standing on pebbles so as to get a better look. The frog was there. The squirrel and the chipmunks were there. And around on the far side of the tree where it lay along the ground, were the beetles, the snails, two spiders and a duck.

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-around names, pushed through to see what was going on. Even as they were pushing through—"Why, will some people always come later?" the frog grumbled as they went past him—they could hear Willy saying in his shrill, squeaky voice: "Now watch me carefully, everybody... watch me ver-r-y carefully!"

Croon Cloak

Finally they reached the mushroom. Willy was wearing a long green cloak, and a peaked hat with pictures of bats and lizards on it. "Willy is showing us tricks in magic," one of the potato-bugs explained. "He's a magician!"

"Go ahead, Willy! Do another trick!" shouted several of the beetles, waving their arms (or their legs; it was hard to tell which).

"Pooh!" said the duck. "You haven't shown us a good trick yet. All you old was... to make some water disappear by rubbing it over with a handkerchief. Anybody can do that!"

"Humph!" said Willy, scowling. "I can do all kinds of wonderful tricks. There isn't a better magician anywhere than I am!"

"Then show us," quacked the duck. "Go ahead and show us a really wonderful trick!"

Willy looked quite uncomfortable, and Knarf and Hanid wondered what he was going to do. And then suddenly Willy smiled. He just noticed caterpillar, crawling toward the oak-tree.

"Ah, my good lad," Willy said to the caterpillar. "Come here for a moment, please! I'd like to show all these people a really wonderful trick! Just step up to this mushroom and—"

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How To Do Things With Straw Mats

(Continued from Yesterday)

Clever vanity sets can be made the same way, using one long mat and two smaller ones. If you have a glass top to your table, slip either of these mats underneath and you've really made something original and new for yourself.

To make a luncheon set which will look as if it came from a swanky shop, choose mats the size you prefer and cut a fancy border for them from wallpaper. In the center glue a large design cut from the matching paper.

Small place mats can also be made from this straw matting. Paint a design of fruit or flowers, paste a colorful scene in the center, or make a silhouette with poster colors. These place mats have a hundred uses.

Finish your luncheon sets and your place mats with a coat of clear shellac or varnish to protect the design and make them easy to clean.

OLD "LOOK"

Maybe these riddles haven't exactly the "new look" but fashion lends this group of four. The correct answers are below.

1. What is always at the head of fashion yet always out of date?

2. Four plump girls are under one small umbrella in a bad storm. Did they get wet?

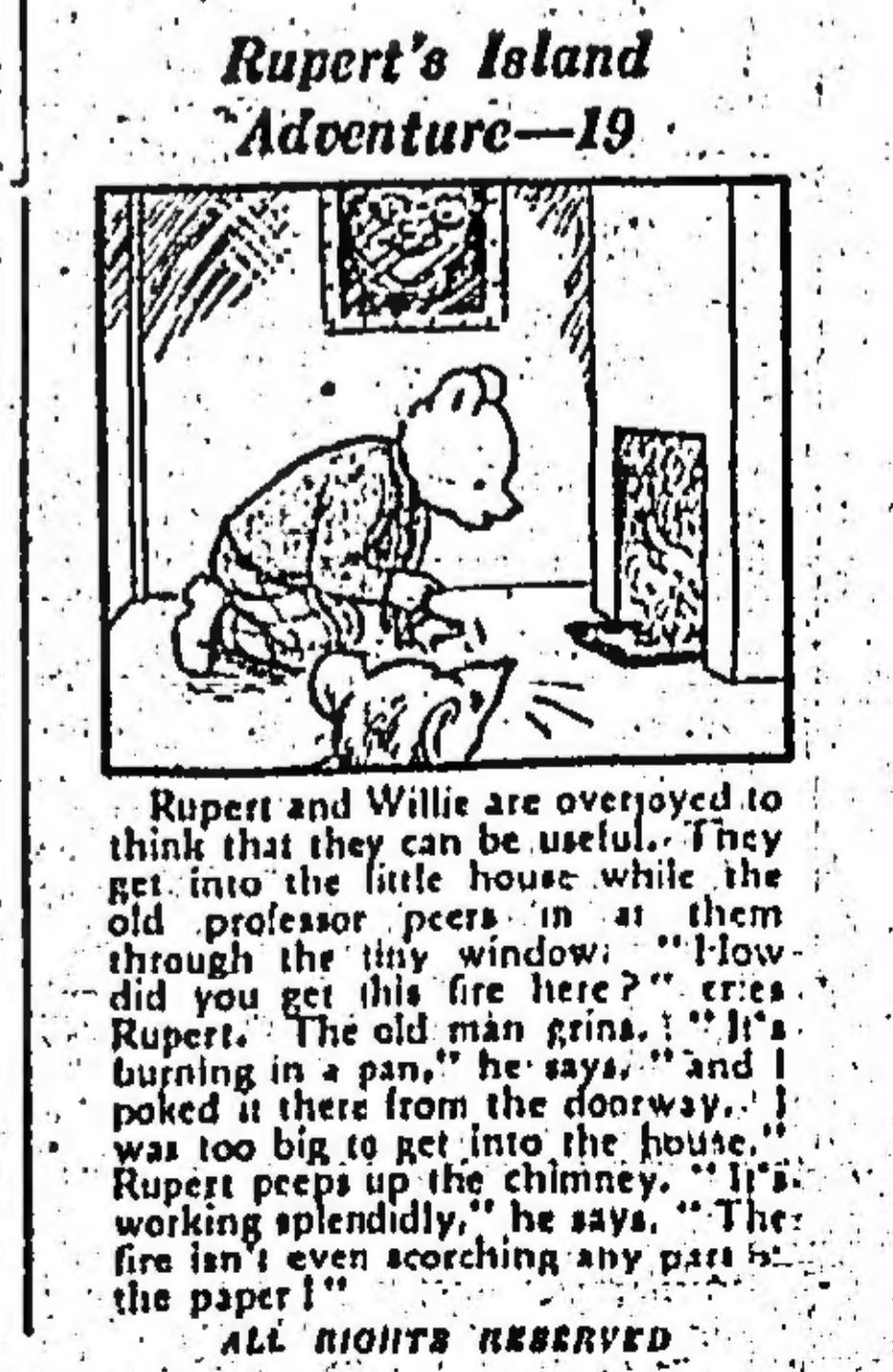
3. Why can't you fight with an actress?

4. How many beans go into your mother's bean pot?

Answers

1—Letter E. 2—No, it was a black cat. 3—She got up to put him in the door. 4—None of the beans are under one umbrella.

Rupert's Island Adventure—19



Rupert and Willie are overjoyed to think that they can be useful. They get into the little house while the old professor peers in from the window. "How did you get this fire here?" cries Rupert. "The old man grins. "It's burning in a pan," he says, "and I poked it from the doorway." "It was too big to get into the house," Rupert peeps up the chimney. "It's working splendidly," he says. "The fire isn't even scorching any part of the paper!"

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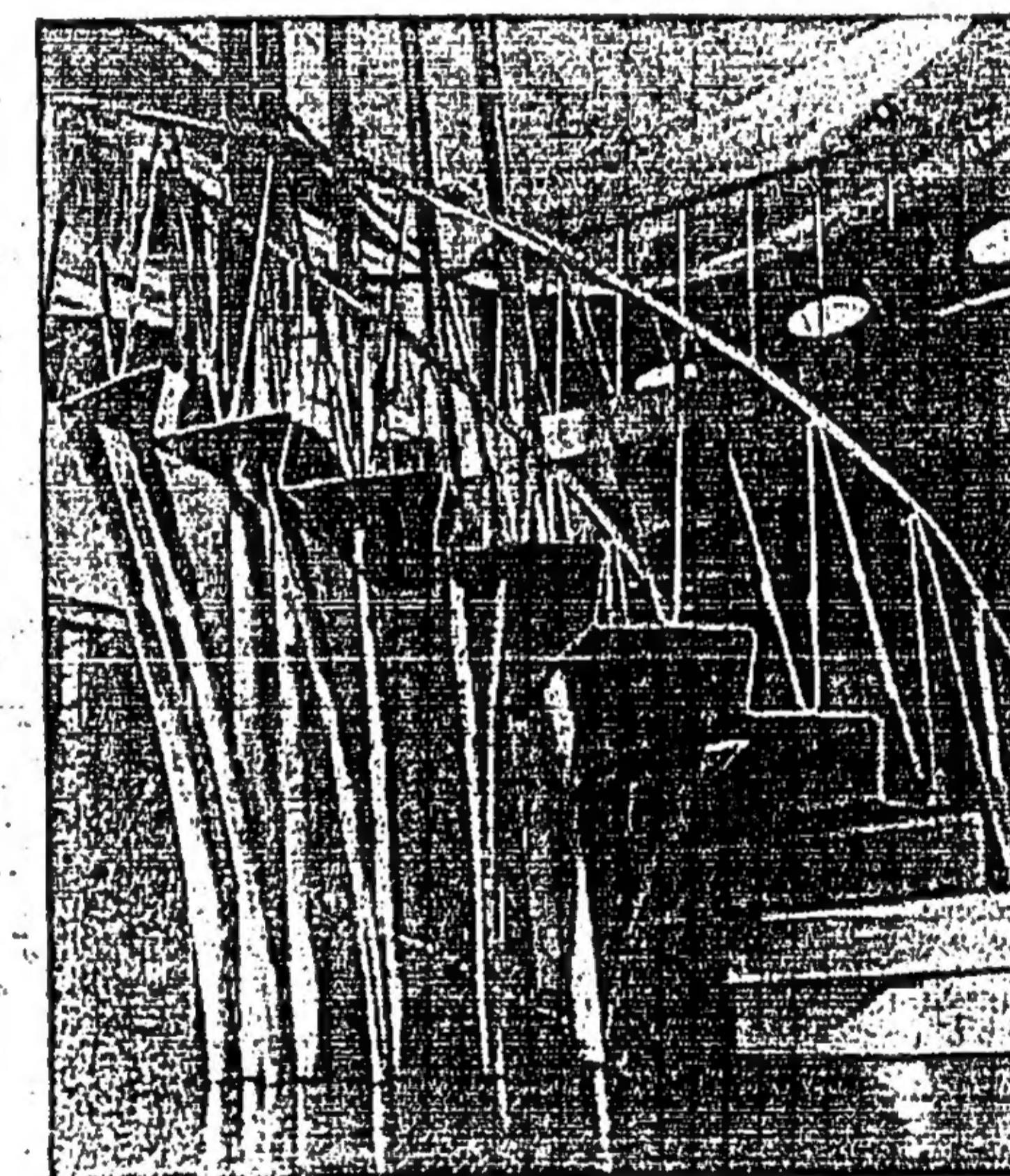
WE WIN! WE WIN!—It was the most tense moment in a game full of tense moments. The basketball team of Our Lady of Newton, Massachusetts, was playing Sacred Heart, of Centre Falls, Rhode Island, in Boston. With 25 seconds of the game remaining and the score tied, a player from Our Lady made good a foul shot. That was all that was needed for these cheer leaders to go wild. Our Lady won 41-40.



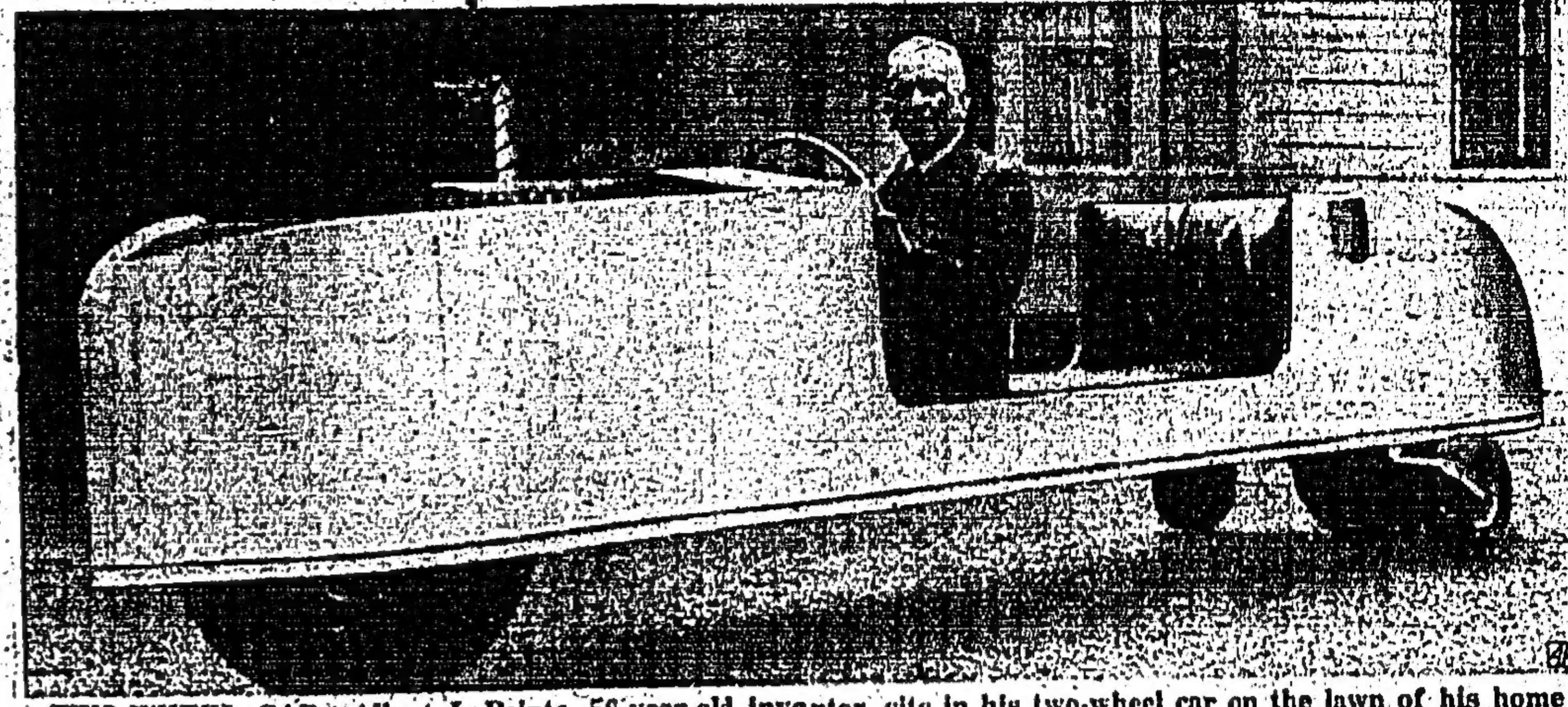
BLOWING THEIR HORNS—Union Folk Iorique Suisse members blow a short motif on 12-foot long Alphorns on arriving at London's Albert Hall in preparation for festivities on behalf of the RAF Benevolent Fund.



A GOOD STORY—Arthur C. Geist, above, told police when he strolled into a Chicago police station that he was not a victim of "jackrollers" as they thought. He gave a cab driver \$1.300 for treating his bandaged hand and driving him home from a tavern.



STAINLESS STEEL STAIRCASE—This first all stainless steel staircase was recently exhibited by manufacturers in New York. The modernistic lines are obtained by clustering the supports together, giving the effect of bamboo poles.



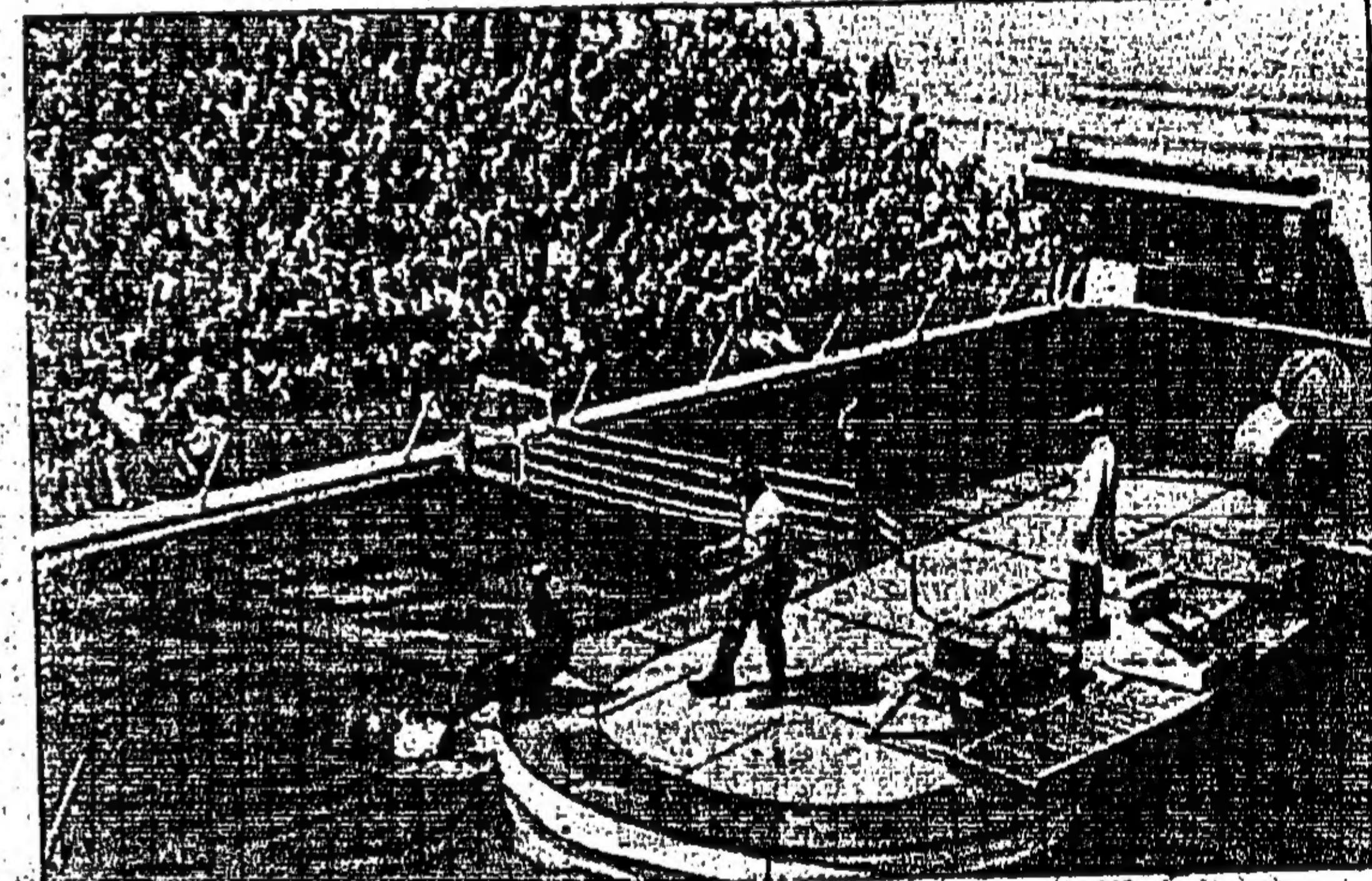
TWO-WHEEL CAR—Albert LaPointe, 50-year-old inventor, sits in his two-wheel car on the lawn of his home in West Hartford, Connecticut. The unique vehicle has a 25-horsepower motor in the rear. There are two standard size motor-car wheels and, in addition, two small side-wheels. LaPointe says the side-wheels lift two inches off the ground when the car reaches speed.



FOREIGN MINISTER—Moshe Shertok is the Foreign Minister of the newly created state of Israel.



'BRIDAL TRAIN'—Charles Broad and his bride in the engine of the special "bridal train" which brought the former Doreen Moore from her Kent home to a Romney church for her wedding. The couple later entrained on the "special" for the reception in Dungeness.



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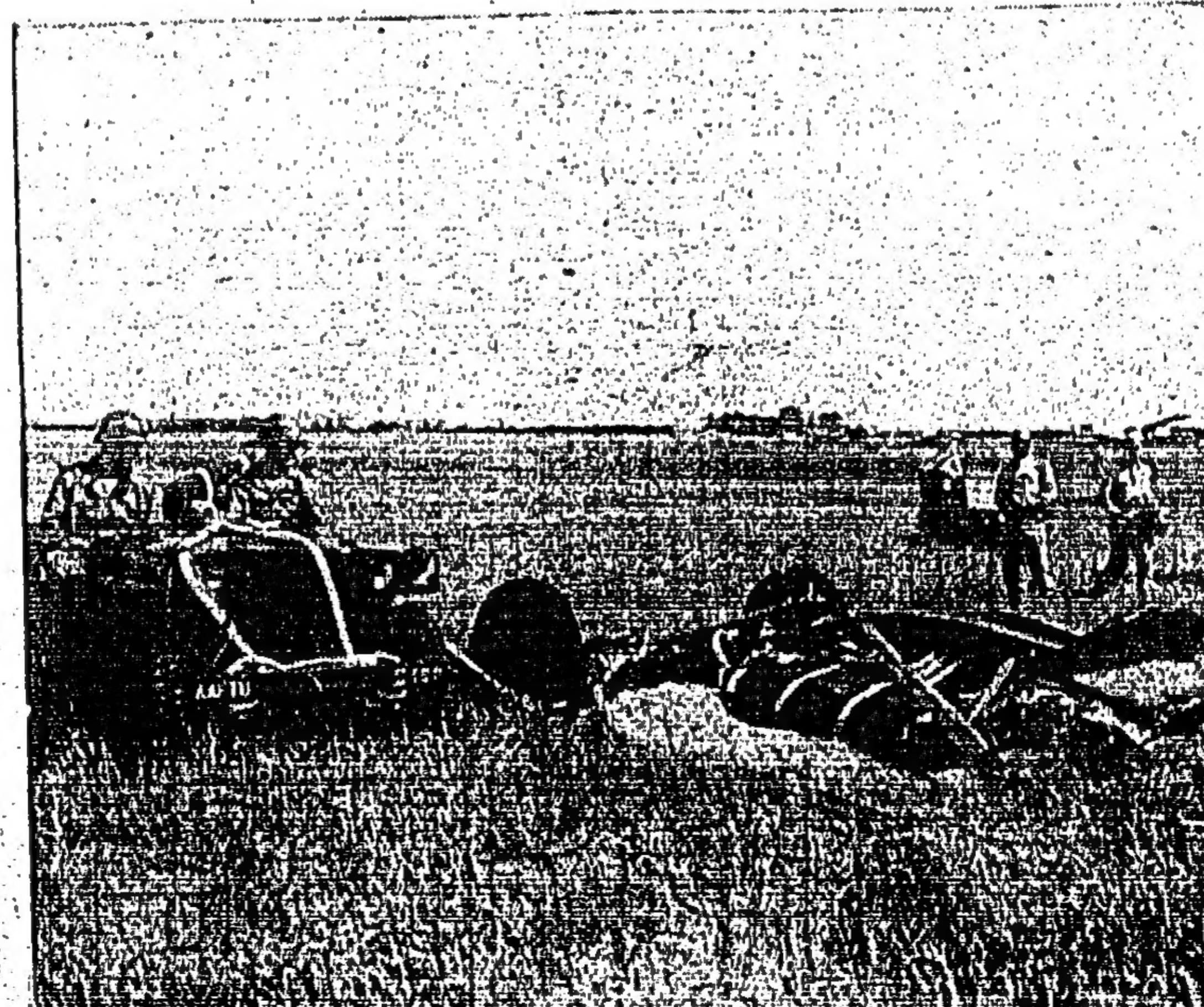
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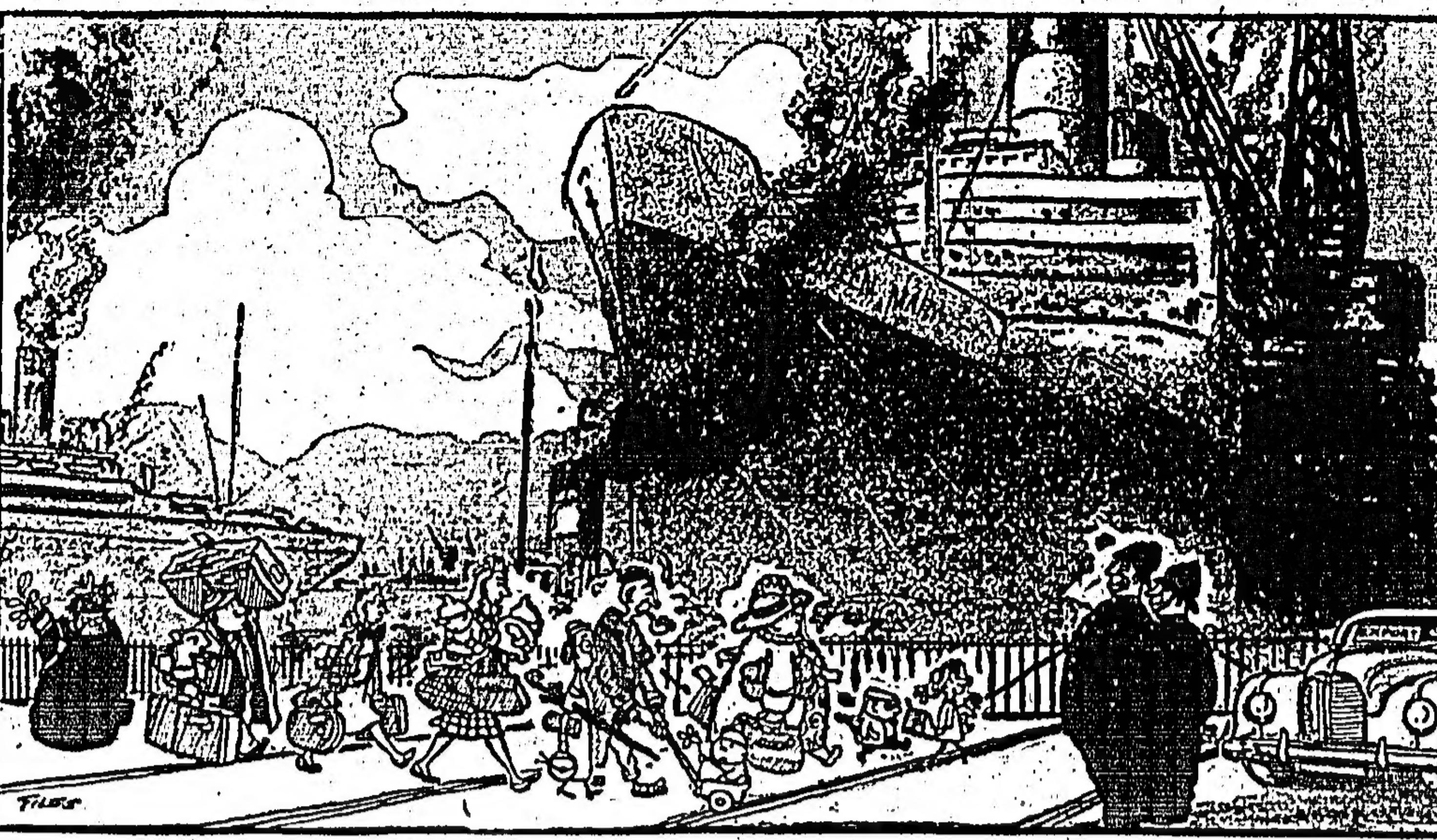
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Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE middle classes are used to being kicked around by governments. After all, who are they?

They may cure the sick, teach the young, write most of the books, paint most of the pictures, compose most of the music, fill the universities with their professors, provide most of the entertainment, pay most of the taxes, and find their sons always in the van of our defences when some foreign upstart periodically threatens the country, but nevertheless who are they from the point of view of any government?

They are the people who never complain, and are therefore hardly worth consideration.

Moreover, their voting power is weak, though wiser statesmen have sometimes noticed that their influence is strong.

That is why all dictatorships destroy the middle classes first. They call them "the intellectuals" and their criticism "reactionary."

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So, before we are all kneeling before a stiff portrait of handsome Harry Pollitt, and before writers and artists are told what to do by some gorilla in the Ministry of Culture, may this column ask why this present Government of all Governments of Britain has socked the manual worker by increasing the price of his beer in the 1948 Budget?

Manual workers are not the sort of people to be kicked around by anybody unless they are unlucky enough to be Russians.

It is true that the manual worker has been handed back some income tax to pay for it, but increasing the price of his beer is no way to retain his affections or his votes.

Unless, of course, Sir Stafford Cripps, virtuous as an iceberg himself, thinks that, in the country's interests, the manual worker will be happy to come home at night to a game of cribbage and a cup of coco.

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"Had a good day at the coal face, dear?" asked the miner's wife.

"Absolutely topping. I did much better than Alfred, who is still a bit of a toper despite the higher price of beer."

"He'll come to no good, will Alfred. I don't know what the Coal Board must think of him."

"As a matter of fact, they think he's a bit of a rotter. It really isn't good enough with the country in its present state."

"And there's you saving your money and getting fitter every day to how more coal. Here's your supper, love."

"What, delicious boiled cod again? How absolutely scrumptious."

"It's cheaper than meat and we can put the money into National Savings. And after that, we can have a nice cup of cocoa and a game of cribbage."

"Oh, goody, goody, goody," said the miner. "Oh, goody, goody."

Letter from an elephant

DEAR SIR,
Regarding the account published in the London Press of an elephant

NANCY The Shock Supreme



IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

UNDoubtedly the next General Election, though possibly nearly two years ahead, begins to cast its shadow at Westminster.

Perhaps it is for this reason that I find little dissent among my colleagues from what I may call the Morrison directive on future Labour strategy.

Broadly this is consolidation of present gains, accompanied by careful preparation for a further advance, with the cautionary proviso that such further advance must be of a strictly limited character.

MR MORRISON has, in my judgment, a remarkable capacity for sensing the prevalent public mood.

His view now appears to be that people are more anxious to be assured that what has been done so far is sound than to be asked to pass judgment on new things to come.

Between now and the general election the Morrison aim (a wise one, I think) will be to provide them with that assurance.

THE petite and studious-looking member for North Lanark, Miss Margaret Heribson, is a great contrast to the forthright and formidable Mrs. Bradnock, the Liverpool member she has displaced on the Labour Executive.

Her constituency is a mining area once represented by Miss Jennie Lee. A teacher by profession, Miss Heribson makes speeches which reveal a well-ordered mind. Into her 41 years she has continued to crowd a good deal of service for her party.

She is not likely to be obstreperous, but will probably make a useful member of the ruling body.

ANCIENT issue though it was, the Nonnion telegram provided the Commons with a lot of excitement.

Oliver Stanley, gifted master of riddle and banter, had in this an ideal subject, and he soon had the House in a roiling mood.

He has what may be called a fatal facility for this kind of witty badinage.

Members, foes and friends alike, delight in his quips, and as he appears of enjoying himself.

VET for him there is a snag in this success.

Parliament (maybe she is a little prim) is suspicious of the witty humorist, and so every successful crack which brings down the House is apt to take something away from the speaker's reputation as a serious politician.

But perhaps Oliver Stanley does not care about this. I hope he does not, for we should not like him half so well in the guise of solemn statesman.

REFUSAL of an official inquiry into this sorry affair was, I think, well justified.

The matter was, as the Lord President argued, essentially an internal concern of the Labour Party.

Unfortunately the closing stages of the debate reflected little credit on the House in general or Labour in particular.

C.V.R. THOMPSON reports the U.S. scene

NEW YORK.

THE American working man, already earning the highest wages in world history, wants more.

Alcohol has a different effect on different elephants, as it does on different men. The natives of the village on the Zambezi river were very fortunate that the elephant who drank their beer knocked down only one tree and went quietly to sleep.

Some rogue elephants in a state of intoxication will uproot all the trees round the village, trample the houses into the river.

As the opportunities for an elephant "bling" (if I may use the expression) occur so infrequently, there is no data available on the effects of progressive or habit-forming alcoholism in elephants, though it is known that once the taste is acquired an elephant will display great cunning in the satisfaction of his craving.

There was the case of the elephant who remembered the date of an African chief's birthday and always made an embarrassing appearance when the beer was being served.

Apart from lack of opportunity one of the main reasons why elephants rarely become confirmed alcoholics is that an elephant's hang-

strike demands against the nation's railways. On an inside page is a story of the same union in the capacity of employer. It owns an hotel outside Cleveland where the workers went on strike against the union.

Big industry, making the largest profits in world history, will not give him more.

So this summer America is facing its worst strike wave yet. Organised labour has not been in such an ugly mood since the middle thirties, say the experts.

It is not Communism. The working man thinks it is his last chance to win before an anti-Labour Government gets in.

Nearly 2,000,000 workers may be involved. There is even talk, still in the maybe stage, of a general strike.

Industries which will definitely be affected: Cars, electrical, telephone, rubber, oil, maritime, glass, shipbuilding, coal.

Big business is talking tough and acting tough. At this time, it is saying, the country cannot stand another round of pay rises.

ON AMERICA'S front pages are quotes from the Engine Drivers' Union arguing the justice of their

A SAFETY DEVICE which tells the motorist when his car is on the wrong side of the road's white line is being tried out in New Jersey.

When the car's tyres pass over the line a loudspeaker says: "Get over, get over."

WALTER WINCHELL, the columnist, has started on another anti-British splurge. One contribution: "If the British say they are not sending any more stuff to the Russians, it is probably only because the Arabs cannot spare it."

A HEALTH EXPERT has told American men not to worry about getting bald because hair is merely a limp vegetable growth of no use except to the appearance. Expert is a woman, Miss J. V. Sheppard, of Chicago.

NEW YORK CITY has dropped the B.B.C. news programmes from its municipal broadcasting station. Because Mayor William O'Dwyer is an active Zionist, Zionists claimed a victory for their Boycott Britain movement. The programmes were too biased, explained a columnist. In fact, they were dropped for the reason they are always dropped at this time of year-atmospheric.



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Steamboat Co. Still Awaiting Government Settlement Of Claims

"We continue to mark time awaiting the Hongkong Government's settlement of our claims, and while your Directors are not without hope of an early settlement they feel that until then the resources of the Company should be conserved as much as possible," declared Mr Li Tse-fong (Chairman) at the annual meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd. this morning.

The Chairman also disclosed that the Directors had considered advisable to carry forward the entire net profit of \$120,066.62 to a new account. Addressing the meeting, Mr Li said:

Before we proceed with the ordinary business of the meeting I must refer with regret to the death of Mr L. H. Wood on February 11 last under very tragic circumstances.

The late Mr Wood had been a director of the Company since 1930, and his death has left a gap which will be difficult to fill. In addition to his services on the Board, Mr Wood was one of the principals of the firm acting as our agents in Canton; he was of inestimable service to the Company in its handling of its affairs in that city.

I would also avail myself of this opportunity to refer to the high honour of a Knighthood which His Majesty's Government has recently conferred upon our friend and colleague on the Board, Sir Man-kam Lo. I am sure you will all join me wholeheartedly in voicing our sincere congratulations to him on the occasion of that well-earned honour.

YEAR'S PROFIT

With reference to the Accounts, I am happy to be in a position to report that the profit on working for the year is HK\$161,440.34, and the net profit, after making provision for Directors' and Auditors' fees, depreciation on wharves, and the liquidation of Company's liabilities under the Pension Fund Scheme, is HK\$120,066.62, which your Directors have considered advisable to carry forward in its entirety to a new account.

We continue to mark time awaiting the Hongkong Government's settlement of our claims, and while your Directors are not without hope of an early settlement they feel that until then the resources of the Company should be conserved as much as possible.

With income derived from investments, and the revenue from our wharves and properties, we have not had an unsuccessful year, but we have to travel a long way along the road of recovery before we can return ourselves to look with optimism to the future.

Our properties are being maintained in serviceable condition, but wharf No. 10 in Macao, condemned by the local authorities and requiring a substantial sum for repairs, was sold in the course of the year at a fair profit over its book value.

CANTON PROPERTIES

In Canton the Government's plans for city improvement have received your Directors' attention. In so far as they concern the Company's properties there. Apart from the fact that we have recently been called upon to extend a very substantial amount of money towards the cost of squaring off our properties in order to permit the widening of the roads, it would seem that more calls on property owners may be expected in the near future. However, we are at one with Canton authorities on progress, and there are grounds for believing that the current scheme would improve the properties in many aspects.

Before I conclude I must refer briefly to the Pension Fund Scheme. With one officer and ex-steward remaining on pension your Directors decided to purchase an annuity for the first-named, and to grant the steward a lump sum in full settlement of the Company's obligations under the Pension Fund Scheme. The total net cost was HK\$26,907.46.

ACCOUNTS PASSED

With these remarks I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be passed. After this has been seconded I shall endeavour to answer to the best of my ability any question you may wish to ask.

Mr R. A. Dastur seconded the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

The Hon Sir Man-kam Lo and Mr Li Fook-wo were re-elected directors on the proposal of Major C. W. L. Way, seconded by Mr S. C. Sun.

On the proposal of Major Way, seconded by Mr G. T. Lloyd, Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Macmillan and Messrs Pent, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$1,000 each.

Present at the meeting were Mr Li Tse-fong (Chairman), the Hon Sir Man-kam Lo, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr Li Fook-wo, Mr G. R. Ross (Directors), Mr H. da Luz (Secretary) and Major C. W. L. Way, Messrs R. A. Dastur, S. C. Sun, P. T. Lui and G. T. Lloyd (shareholders).

HO YING-CHIN TO REPORT

Shanghai, June 23.—General Ho Ying-chin, Minister of National Defence, will report to a closed session of the Legislative Yuan tomorrow on the military situation in Honan, where strategic railway cities such as Kaifeng and Chuehchow are on the verge of falling into Communist hands.

After finishing his report, he will fly to Peking for conferences with military leaders there.

It is also reported that General Pal Chung-hai will fly to Hankow at the end of this week to establish his Central China Communist Suppression Headquarters.—Reuters.

BRAVE FOKI COMMENDED

Grapples With An Armed Man

For his brave conduct in grappling with one of the accused who was armed, and helping to bring about his arrest, Leung Yau, fok of the Yuen Yuen Rice Shop of 508 Queen's Road West, was commended by Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning when two men pleaded guilty to robbing Leung and other inmates of the premises in the early hours of April 16.

The accused were Li Po, 32, unemployed, and Siu Tat-chuen, 23, tailor.

Li, who was additionally charged with possession of arms, was sentenced to nine years and six strokes of the cane, and Siu to seven years and six strokes. Both accused pleaded for leniency.

Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. G. E. Willerton prosecuted.

After the accused had been sentenced, loud wailings were heard from a young woman as she left the Court. She was bemoaning fate which, she said, dealt her a hard blow in sending the bread winner of the family to imprisonment, leaving her entirely without any means of support. It was learned that the woman was the wife of the second accused.

LICENCE IS ESSENTIAL

A stern warning that future offenders would be dealt with severely was issued by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when Chan Tal-bin of No. 120, Bonham Strand East, ground floor, was summoned for importing a consignment of empty shells and cartridge cases on May 17 without permit, and with possessing 1,000 pounds of shells and cartridge cases at the godown of No. 38 Connaught Road West on May 28 without a licence from the Commissioner of Police.

Mr F. G. Nigel pleaded guilty for the defendant and said it was merely a case of ignorance of the law, and since then a licence had been applied for and the decision was pending result of the present case.

Mr M. A. da Silva held a watching brief on behalf of 14 different firms who were owners of part of the consignment of goods.

Inspector H. B. J. Brown prosecuting—said he only asked the Bench to issue a warning to dealers that a licence had to be obtained for the trade. The goods were merely imported as scrap iron and copper, and some of the empty shells and cartridge cases could be resold and used again. So the goods must be crushed up into scrap iron and into the state that it could not be used again.

Mr Silva said his clients had agreed to reduce the goods to a crushed state to the satisfaction of the Police.

Defendant was cautioned and the goods ordered to be returned to the owners.

Woman's False Pretences

A 32-year-old woman Li Ming was sentenced to two months hard labour by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for obtaining \$600 from a woman, Au Ying at No. 42 Percival Street, ground floor by false pretences on September 26, 1947.

Det. H. Brownrigg prosecuted and said at about 5 p.m. on the day in question, defendant and her husband promised complainant that they could obtain a rooked food stall licence for her, but she would have to pay \$600 as tea money. The money was paid the same day, and defendant and her husband disappeared.

On Monday, complainant informed that defendant and her husband were seen in the Wan Chai district. She immediately made report to No. 2 Police Station. Defendant was arrested at 12.40 a.m. yesterday at Tai Wong Street west near Johnston Road. The husband could not be located.

Complainant said the money was supposed to be paid to defendant's brother-in-law who was a European married to defendant's sister.

MacMahon Ball In Nanking

Nanking, June 23.—A three-man Australian educational and goodwill mission which arrived here yesterday aboard a special Australian plane will begin its inspection of local schools and universities today.

During their four-day stay in the capital, the delegates are expected to hold a series of conferences with Chinese educational leaders.

Heading the mission is Mr MacMahon Ball.—Reuter-AAP.

BUS HOLD-UP STORY TOLD AT SESSIONS

Trial Of Alleged Armed Robber

Alleged to be one of the men who held up a No. 8 route bus in Kowloon Tong on the evening of April 11 last, Cheung Hon-hing, alias Cheung Pak-king, 20, stood his trial before Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

He pleaded not guilty to having, with others not in custody, robbed the conductor and passengers of the bus. He denied possession of an automatic pistol and 24 rounds of ammunition, as well as a revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition.

The jury empanelled comprised six men and one woman. A party of about 40 students from the Diocesan Girls' School, under their teachers, attended the trial as an instructive lesson on criminal procedure.

HOLD-UP DESCRIBED

Briefly relating the facts, Mr A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, who conducted the prosecution assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector H. T. Matches, said that the bus was travelling between the Star Ferry terminal and Kowloon Tong. About 9 p.m. on April 11, it stopped at the junction of Prince Edward and Nathan Roads, and three men boarded.

After the bus had reached Cumberland Road, the three men held up the conductor and passengers. Two of the robbers were armed. They relieved the conductor and passengers of money and valuables, and stopped the bus at ornamental wall Road, where they alighted and ran off, at the same time pointing their weapons behind them and giving a warning that they were not to be followed or the alarm raised. The bus then drove to Kowloon City Police Station where a report was made.

Information received, the Police, on April 20, arrested the accused who said nothing at the time. He was searched and a pawn-ticket relating to a wrist watch, fountain pen and a wrist-watch were found in his possession. That watch was subsequently identified by one of the victims of the hold-up, and was pawned five days after the robbery had occurred.

After making a statement to the Police, accused led them to Kowloon where two firearms and ammunition were discovered. The weapons were both in working condition.

Accused, Mr Lonsdale added, was identified by one of the robbery victims at a parade held by the Police.

CONDUCTOR'S EVIDENCE

The bus conductor, Wat Kwong, said that after the three men had boarded the bus, one proceeded to the rear, another stood at the steps by the entrance, and the third placed himself near the driver. As the bus was near the Cumberland Store in Cumberland Road, the man at the rear suddenly pointed a revolver at him, and grabbed his satchel. Witness was then searched and had a \$75.40 taken off him. He also lost his wrist watch. In the meantime, the other two men were searching the passengers, and the man by the driver menaced the latter with a revolver and ordered him to continue driving. The robbers stopped the bus at Cornwall Road and got off.

The evidence of Wat Hing-yuen, 20, a student who was at the time living at No. 11 York Road, was read to the Court and jury as Wat had left the Colony. His departure from Hongkong for Pelping on May 1 was proved by Shek Cheuk-kin, who gave his profession as a "cinema star."

Wat's evidence was that he was robbed of \$700, a fountain pen, a Parker 51 propelling pencil and a wrist watch, as well as \$20 which he voluntarily handed over to one of the robbers when the latter pointed a revolver at him.

ACCUSED IDENTIFIED

Chu Lin, a coolie employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, said he was one of the passengers and was robbed of \$13. He identified the accused as the man who was standing near the driver. Accused originally was unarmed, he said, but was subsequently handed revolver by one of his confederates.

A vegetable gardener, Leung Ki, testified to having lost \$50, a gold finger ring, an electric torch, a police whistle and a bunch of keys in the robbery.

His wife, Hui Lan, who was with him at the time, said the robbers took \$3 from her.

Det.-Sgt Ho Ping, C450, said he went to No. 18 Des Voeux Road West, ground floor, on the morning of April 28 where he found first accused, who was searched, and on whom he found a pawn-ticket, a wrist watch and a fountain pen. During the search, the accused admitted taking part in the robbery and added he would take the Police to Kowloon to find the revolvers. Later that day, accused took the Police to Hakka Village, Shamshui-poo, and led them to a hut on the hillside where, under some hay, were found two revolvers and ammunition wrapped up in newspaper.

Asked if he wished to cross-examine the detective, accused first asked the Court for its assurance that he would not be beaten by the detective as a result.

His Lordship told accused he was free to speak and that the detective had nothing to do with him for over two months.

Accused then alleged he had not told the detective he would take the Police to find the weapons, but that the policeman had had advance information about their whereabouts.

He further alleged the revolvers had been "planted" at the hut in Shamshui-poo.

The trial is proceeding.

Greek Guerillas Concede First Lines Of Defence

Athens, June 22.—Greek Army units, in their biggest offensive yet, have occupied nearly all the first line of defences held by the guerillas around the Grammos Range, Western Macedonia, reports from the battlefield said today.

The Greek Army claimed to have taken guerilla advanced positions around Nestorion, near the Albanian border north of the range and 14 miles southwest of Kastoria.

Guerilla units were said to be retreating towards Albania with their resistance smashed.

Observers believe the Greek troops were planning to complete the encirclement of General Markos' forces. With this object, one column is moving southward from Nestorion, and another northward from Konitsa along the western slopes of the range.

This pincer movement has placed the two columns within 17 miles of each other.

Greek commanders were reported to have observed great activity on the roads linking the Grammos area with Albania. The guerillas were said to be evacuating their wounded and receiving ammunition.

Military quarters here claimed the Greek offensive was not so much an occupation of territory as the "annihilation" of the bulk of General Markos' forces.

ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT

With this in view, the Greek Army was trying to complete the encirclement before beginning a final assault against the wild, wooded gorges and peaks of the Grammos mountains, where the guerillas have formed a very strong defence system.

Greek Army units were driving northwards towards Komminades, Kata and Anoefterla, well-defended guerilla strongholds, from the Nestorion area, the Greek News Agency reported today. Large quantities of material were left behind by the retreating guerillas, who suffered many casualties.

Artillery was softening up the guerillas' last defences, and Greek forces were said to be battling fiercely today for the guerrilla stronghold of Amouda, the key to the northern front.

The latest reports reaching Athens from the southern front suggested that General Markos was moving his reserves from the Central Pindus Mountains southward to reinforce his forces around the Albanian border.—Reuters.

FORCING THE VETO

The plan was to force a formal Soviet veto of the American plan. Such a veto, in the eyes of the American delegation, would constitute a definite symbol of Russia's opposition to the majority when the issue comes up at the Assembly.

The veto could not prevent transfer of the case to the Assembly nor could it "kill" the American atomic plan because the formula could never mean anything so long as Russia found it unacceptable and refused to participate.

United Nations observers said the move for a Western atomic agreement seemed the only logical objective in view of the American determination to debate the atomic stalemate in the Assembly.

Such a security treaty, they said, "would not represent a system of atomic control but a loose working arrangement under which the United States probably would continue making atom bombs and at the same time pool with other countries much of the information and facilities necessary for atomic development. Such a development probably would be blended into a plan under which the United States would help arm the Western alliance in Western Europe and strengthen the political and economic alliance joining the Western Hemisphere and the nations of Western Europe."—United Press.

M. Blum will also meet Mr Hector MacNeil, the Minister of State.

A Foreign Office spokesman said it was "very unlikely" M. Blum would see the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who has left London.

There was much speculation in diplomatic quarters about the original plans for meeting between Mr Bevin and M. Blum.

M. Blum, who arrived in England last night, is to receive an honorary degree at Oxford tomorrow.

Significantly, it was M. Blum who took the initiative during the recent French Cabinet crisis over Western Germany, to propose that another approach be made to Russia for a German agreement. M. Blum's objective was to try to shift responsibility for the final split of Germany onto the Russians and thus avoid that enmity for the Western Allies.

His proposal went unheeded, although the French approved the Western German plan with reservations so strong that France's cooperation in the project is in doubt.—United Press.

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The blessings of British democratic institutions cannot be conferred overnight!—Reuters.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Social Affairs decided

Jaroslav Drobny Eliminated In Wimbledon's First Upset

Wimbledon, Surrey, June 22.—Gino Cucelli, stocky 32-year-old Italian champion from Milan, provided the first big upset in the Wimbledon tennis championships today when he beat the fifth seeded player, Jaroslav Drobny, the Czech lefthander, who had been strongly fancied by many to win the title this year.

In a fine second round match of more than two hours, Cucelli won by 6-4, 16-14, 1-6, 2-6, 6-3, and the result illustrates the open nature of this year's men's singles event.

Cucelli won the first set fairly comfortably and then ensued a dramatic 30-game second set, which lasted an hour, and the spirited Italian won the set finally by some remarkable tennis, in which he saved two set points. The first 20 games in this set went with service.

Little Filipino Brings The Crowd To Its Feet

By JOHN DOWNES

London, June 22.—Raymundo Deyro kept the Philippine flag flying at Wimbledon today by defeating the only British peer in the tournament, Lord Ronald Shay 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

His victory came simultaneously with the defeat of the tournament's smallest player, Filipino Felicísimo Ampon, by six foot Dutchman Dr Hans Van Swol, 8-6, 6-2, 6-7, 7-5.

If tiny Ampon, only five feet three inches, was defeated, he certainly went down fighting and the giant Dutchman afterwards said that he had seldom been in a more grueling tennis duel.

The doctor used his great height to smash down Ampon's many lobs, but undeterred, the little Filipino carried most games in the match to deuce.

The crowd, which had roared with delight when the two players first appeared, with giant Van Swol's arm around the shoulders of his opponent, were clearly on the side of Ampon.

On Monday at his first appearance on the famed centre court, Ampon snatched a neat victory from Spaniard Jose Bartoli. In the final set of today's battle, Ampon, after being three games down, fought back to level the score at five-all with the full stands roaring approval.

He greeted their clapping with a grin and calmly served to the obviously tired Dutchman. But inches won the day and Ampon ended his two days of tennis glory with the cheering of British tennis fans still ringing in his ears.—Associated Press.

OLYMPIC ROUNDUP

Three Australian Girls Who Are Sure Bets For Olympic Finals

By ROY MOOR

Included in Australia's team of 35 representatives for the Olympic Games in London are three women athletes, each of whom is likely to be concerned with placings in finals. They are Shirley Strickland (Western Australia), Joyce King (New South Wales) and Judy Canty (Sydney).

Tall, blonde and good-looking, Shirley Strickland is rated by the Australians as their strongest hope for Olympic honours. She equalled the world record of 11.6 seconds for 90 yards hurdles in winning the Australian title in January.

This performance was achieved on a grass track, and her countrymen consider that on the Wembley cinder racing path she will be too good for even such distinguished performers as Maureen Gardner (Britain) and Mrs Blakers-Koon (Holland) in the 80 metres hurdles contest.

Miss Strickland, who is 24 years of age, is a University lecturer in mathematics and first came into athletic prominence in her first year at the University of Western Australia.

During that time she won every women's title at the University "freshman" sports. By training with male athletes, Miss Strickland improved her times and distances in every event.

COACHED BY HER FATHER

Last year she won five Australian State titles in the space of two hours. In addition to winning the hurdles championship at this year's national meeting, she was second to Joyce King in both sprint finals.

A long-striding, natural-born athlete, Miss Strickland has been coached from schoolgirl days by her father, Dave Strickland, in his day a famous Western Australian sprint runner.

Joyce King, a 27-year-old school teacher, equalled the Australian record when winning the Australian 100 yards championship in 11 seconds on a rain-soaked grass track, a time that suggests she should be close to world record status in the Olympic sprints. Miss King set up a new Australian record when she turned 24.9 seconds for the 220 yards—time which compares favourably with Seligman's successful 200 metres run at the Oslo European Games.

Judy Canty is a schoolgirl discovery who cleared 10 feet 5 inches to win the Australian women's long-jump title. Sixteen years old, she is five feet 6 inches tall and should be one of Australia's greatest women athletes of all time in the near future.

NORWAY

The main Norwegian sport body, Norges Idrettsforbund (Norwegian Sports Federation), in which all associations governing various branches of sport are embodied, will

LOUIS A 14-6 FAVOURITE

New York, June 22.—Bookmakers were surprised today as a new flood of money appeared for Joe Louis to win over Eddie Walcott on Wednesday night's heavyweight title fight. They had expected increased Walcott money. Odds favouring Louis went to 13-5 in New York, and 14-5 in New Jersey.

An informal poll of sports writers gathered from all over the nation for the fight showed 21 favour Louis and six favour Walcott. Most of the fan writers admit that they chose Louis on his past record, not on the showing in his first Walcott fight or his showing in the recent training.

The champion ended his sparring with four rounds on Monday. Promoter Sol Strauss said the fight will be broadcast and televised and reported that the ticket sale was "wonderful" but gave no figures.—United Press.

CHESS

LAST NIGHT'S GAMES

THE RESULTS

Men's Slashes:
Second Round
Frankie Parker (USA) beat F. Carlson (Britain) 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.
John Bromwich (Australia) beat G. P. Jackson (Eire) 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.
Budge Patty (USA) beat Robert Abdessalam (France) 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.
Eric Sturges (South Africa) beat Jacques Peten (Belgium) 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.

Gardner Mulloy (USA) beat K. Reff (Austria) 6-1, 6-4.

Robert Falkenburg (USA) beat M. Hamburger (Britain) 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Tom Brown (USA) beat H. F. Walton (Britain) 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

F. Puncer (Czechoslovakia) beat Sudh (Italy) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

R. Mayers (Kenya) beat D. M. Bull (Britain) 6-4, 5-7, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

J. Delire (Belgium) beat Rinkel (Holland) 5-7, 1-6, 0-3, 7-5, 8-6.

Narendra Nath (India) beat R. Carter (Britain) 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

Mitic (Czechoslovakia) beat Geoff Polak (Britain) 6-0, 6-8, 6-2, 6-1.

V. Cernik (Czechoslovakia) beat D. G. Smart (Britain) 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

Frank Sedgman (Australia) beat M. del Belo (Italy) 6-3, 6-2, 6-8, 5-7, 7-5.

H. Van Swol (Holland) beat Felicísimo Ampon (Philippines) 8-0, 6-2, 7-5.

Suman Misra (India) beat C. S. Fitt (Britain) 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

M. Coon (Egypt) beat M. Alam (Pakistan) 3-7, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

C. Meredith (Britain) beat C. M. Jones (USA) 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

J. Harper (Australia) beat L. H. Cater (Britain) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Women's Singles:

First Round

Mrs Margaret Osborne DuPont (USA) Miss D. V. Cooper (Britain) 6-3, 6-0.

Mrs Jean Bostock (Britain) beat Mrs H. Dolechell (Austria) 6-1, 6-4.

Mrs Doris Hart (USA) beat Miss Joy Gammie (Britain) 4-6, 0-0, 6-1.

Mme Nelly Landry (France) beat Mrs B. Nielsen (Norway) 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs Pat Todd (USA) beat Mrs J. Walker Smith (Britain) 6-2, 6-1.

Miss Shirley Fry (USA) beat Miss M. Slaney (Britain) 6-1, 6-1.

Miss Louise Brough (USA) beat Miss E. P. Lombard (Eire) 6-1, 6-1.

Miss A. L. Morgan (Britain) 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs I. Pind (Britain) 6-3, 6-3.

Miss P. J. Curry (Britain) beat Miss Argyll Rice (USA) 6-2, 6-6.

Miss Barbara Scofield (USA) beat Miss V. Matter (Lebanon) 6-1, 6-1.

Second Round

Mrs Prentiss (USA) beat Miss E. M. Wilford (Britain) 6-4, 6-2.

Reuter.

GOLF

Day's Play Washed Out

Glengalnes, June 22.—Heavy rain which flooded some of the greens caused the abandonment of scores and the day's play today in the Penfold £1,050 professional golf tournament on the Glengalnes Hotel course.

F. Van Donck of Belgium, returned a 69 for the lead before conditions worsened and Bobby Cruickshank, British-born American professional, a 77.

Running against him, Willi Silchuk of Holland, retired about a mile from the finish.

According to the commentator, Silchuk attributed his failure by "Zatopek's internal tempo."

The 30 holes qualifying test in the Penfold event will be played on Wednesday leaving the final 36 holes for Thursday.—Associated Press.

Northumberland Plate

London, June 22.—Probable runners, with Jockeys, for the Northumberland Plate, to be run over one mile, seven furlongs and 173 yards at Newcastle at 3:05 p.m. tomorrow, are:

Pappata—H. Blackshaw, Billeter, S. Wragg, Urgay-T. Hawcroft, Melody-Maker—E. Brit, Davistone, D. Page, Dancing Flame—J. Brace, Good Company—R. Roberts, Baroda Squadron—J. Caldwell, Pride of the Prairie—G. Littlewood, Hinstone—W. Neveit, Zephyrus—P. Maher, Disillusion—J. Walker, High Grass—A. Carson, Impressive—A. Holloman, Messina—C. Rowley, Convalescent—H. Greenway, Sixteen Probables.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET

Edrich's Return To Form With A Century Against Essex

London, June 22.—W. J. Edrich, who has not had a very good season with the bat so far, gave a welcome sign of a return to his best form by making a century for Middlesex against Essex today. Making his runs quickly, Edrich was particularly severe on anything over-pitched, and his bright form must give England fresh heart for the second Test at Lord's.

Surridge, the Surrey fast bowler, gave a good display in taking five Warwickshire wickets for a cost of ten runs apiece at the Oval. Getting some life from the pitch, he maintained an accurate length, and he and Alec Bedser kept the batsmen subdued.

At Brentwood: Essex-Middlesex match abandoned no draw. Middlesex 230 and 221 for 3 (Edrich 112, Brown 71); Essex 397 (Edrich 112, Roy Smith 62). At the Oval: Surrey beat Warwickshire by four wickets. Warwickshire 84 and 173 (Derby 112, Brown 71); Essex 397 (Edrich 112, Roy Smith 62).

COUNTY CRICKET STANDINGS

	P	W	L	D	Dec	L	D	Pts
Glamorgan (9)	10	7	1	2	0	0	2	88
Derby (5)	10	6	1	2	1	0	2	80
Warwick (15)	11	5	2	4	0	0	1	64
Surrey (8)	9	5	3	1	0	0	1	60
Gloucester (2)	11	4	3	2	0	0	0	58
Yorkshire (8)	8	4	2	2	0	2	0	56
Middlesex (1)	10	4	1	5	0	0	1	52
Lancashire (3)	11	2	2	6	0	2	1	48
Essex (11)	8	2	4	5	1	0	4	40
Worcester (7)	12	2	4	5	1	1	0	40
Hampshire (16)	8	3	2	2	0	0	2	38
Kent (4)	8	3	4	1	0	0	0	34
Notts (12)	8	2	3	3	0	0	0	32
Leicester (14)	9	1	5	3	0	1	2	24
Somerset (13)	9	1	6	2	0	3	0	24
Northants (17)	10	1	4	5	0	0	1	18
Sussex (10)	8	0	5	3	0	0	1	14

* Match tied. Figures in brackets after counties indicate final standing last season.

Joe Hardstaff Withdraws From Lord's Test

London, June 22.—Joe Hardstaff, the Notts batsman, has withdrawn from England's Test probables because of a septic foot.—Reuter.

Don Bradman said at Sheffield today that Keith Miller is almost certain to play in the second Test at Lord's beginning on Thursday.

"Even if his strained side does not stand up to fast bowling, he will almost certainly be played for his batting," Bradman added.

There is no change in the arrangements for Lindwall and McCool to undergo tryouts at Lord's tomorrow.

AUSTRALIANS v. SURREY

Sheffield, June 22.—The Australians were in a position to force the pace when the match with Yorkshire continued today, although it was doubtful whether time would allow for a definite result.

The ball came through slowly on the soft pitch, but the possibility of the ball doing the unexpected kept batsmen comparatively quiet.

Brown and Bradman carried on confidently, however, until the new ball was taken at 10.30. Then three runs later Aspinall broke the stand by getting Bradman caught at short leg by Hutton, who thus caught Bradman in this way for the third time in Bradman

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Slam 'Given Away' By Tourney Champ

♦AQ6			
J3			
♦AKJ9			
♦KJ10			
♦Q874	N	E	7543
♦Q4	S	Q2	♦Q1032
♦Q743	Dealer	AQ2	
♦KJ10			
♦AK105			
♦765			
♦55			
Tournament—Neither vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	5.N.T.	Pass
6.N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening— A	7		

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

TODAY'S hand comes from Henry Sonnenblick of New York, a member of the team that won the Vanderbilt Cup national knockout team-of-four championship. He said, "Mac, nobody would believe how badly I played this one!"

In the first place, North and South overdid the hand a little. When South bid six no trump Sonnenblick (East) said he fully intended to double. But he did not do so. He proceeded instead to make probably the greatest series of errors ever executed in a championship match.

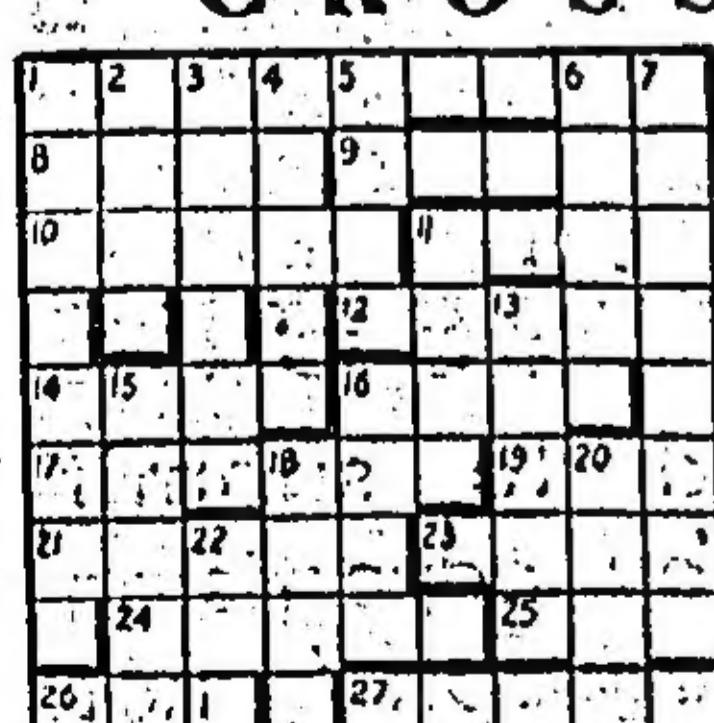
After his opening lead of the ace of clubs, he would have defeated the contract if he had shifted to a spade, but his next play was the deuce of hearts. Declarer let this ride around to his Jack and the whole heart suit was good.

Now declarer cashed three spades and the ace and king of diamonds, then ran the balance of the hearts.

The last two cards in dummy were the seven of diamonds and six of clubs, while declarer was down to the king and Jack of clubs. When the last heart was led, Sonnenblick was down to the queen of diamonds and queen-deuce of clubs. If he had thrown the deuce of clubs, declarer would have had a terrific guess. But instead he threw away the queen of diamonds, which made dummy's seven-spot high and declarer had no guess. Six no trump was made.

Only a great player can blow a hand like this and come back to victory. Sonnenblick and his teammates went on to win the Vanderbilt Cup Tournament by the narrow margin of 270 points.

CROSSWORD



17. Land. (6) 19. Proper. (8)
21. Experienced. (15) or get in with it? (4)
22. It's change from other. (8)
23. Permit. (3)
24. Something up for you. (13)
25. They are instrumental in making a noise. (6)

Born.
1. The seat I change. (8)
2. The ground taurous. (15)
3. Fox. (10) 4. Come in! (5)
5. This goose is common to N. America. (10) 6. A very become one. (5)
7. There can be nothing before it. (8)
11. Of a different shape. (4)
13. Returning lit with a small advertisement. (6)
15. I value that was being happy. (10) 16. Unceding. (4)
18. Single entry. (4)
20. Dues are finished. (4)
22. This loco came from Venice. (5)

- Acres.
1. It gives you a thin peep. (10)
2. Mainly enough this politician
3. I'm not the only one here. (10)
4. It's in the score book. (6)
10. Tales on the foot tops. (6)
12. Not a recurring accident. (6)
14. Sort of row that doesn't make a row. (6)
16. Found in the village. (4)

Horror. 17. Start it. (6)

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

BORN on this first day of the new sign, Cancer, you are ruled by the Moon. Your nature is retiring, sensitive, and at times prophetic. You have an unusual imagination and are able to picture what is to come with almost photographic accuracy. The temperament of those born on the cusp of the outgoing sign, Gemini also will show a tendency toward a dual and mercurial temperament and you may find it difficult to find your proper niche in life.

You have an alert intelligence and a liking for philosophy and history. Outwardly, you may appear to be rather too frivolous and pleasure-seeking, but actually, you are guided by matters which are of deep importance to you, personally.

Your emotions are very near the top and you are often too easily led by them. You will make definite sacrifices, if necessary, for those you love and you will be happiest if you wed at an early age. You women make fine mothers, although you are inclined to be a little too indulgent

of your children. You must learn that kindness and sympathy are always needed—but there are also times when a certain degree of stern discipline is of the essence!

The stars have given you a keen wit and you have the ability to be the life of any party. Just don't permit the barbs of your wit to become pointed with sarcastic venom, for it is often much too easy to hurt a friend, in this fashion. You may want to forget and forgive in the next instant, but those who have been offered an affront may not be so minded.

It would be well for you to avoid excesses of all kinds. Rich foods can serve only to injure your health later on in life. When it comes to wearing jewellery, show good taste and in clothing, avoid over-decoration.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—All things connected with the theatre or with show business in general are in favour just now. A trip by water can be good for you.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Hold the line on present important matters but keep sharp eye out for future opportunities. Conditions are improving.

PIRUS (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Health is important so guard it. A visitor from a distance may bring important news. Act diplomatically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—If you have earned a promotion, you may anticipate recognition of the fact now. Teachers are especially favoured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A powerful day for you so put all those carefully made plans into immediate operation now. A fine day!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Advertising and publicity pay excellent dividends now. See that your ideas are well promoted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Follow up yesterday's advantageous selling ideas. Be astute and don't get in over your head with expansion plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—New undertakings which indicate progress in personal ambitions which may be followed out with anticipation of success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—If you have been planning a sea-voyage or a vacation or a visit to the shore, then this is a fine day to start.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Guard against over-expansion or extravagance. Moderation in expenditures will work out best for you now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Side-step going bond for anyone. Not necessary for you to back up another person's word if you stick by your own, tenaciously.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—A slow beginning but a rapid advance may be anticipated later on in the day. Make good progress now.

WEEKLY BOOK PARADE

PLAYING FOR ENGLAND
by Denis Compton
(Sampson Low, 7/0)

EVEN the Yorkshirer will not deny that England's chances of recovering the Ashes may well turn on the batsmanship of Denis Compton, the reigning idol of Lords.

Unlike many youngsters, Compton knew at the age of 12 how he wanted to earn a living. It was to be professional sport—cricket (his first love) in the summer, and soccer in the winter. Within a year of explaining his intentions to a despairing schoolmaster, Compton had hit a century in a schools' representative-match.

He was fortunate in that one of the spectators he impressed was Sir Pelham Warner, for it was he who arranged for Compton to go straight on to the Lords' ground staff on leaving school.

For the next four years his natural talent was nurtured by coaching and constant net practice, though he did have his share of pushing a heavy roller around and selling scorecards, as Patsey Hen-dren had done before him.

Not unexpectedly, Compton do-votes a chapter to his Test debut against Bradman and Co.—at Nottingham in 1938, when at the age of 20, he became the youngest Englishman to score a century against the Aussies, and that despite O'Reilly's pre-match threat to get him out cheaply. But when he was dismissed for 102 trying to hit Fleetwood-Smith out of Trent Bridge, he found Hammond waiting for him in the pavilion "looking anything but pleased." Said the England captain: "First I would like to say 'well done,' but I thought I told you to get 200!"

Compton also touches upon his successful career with the Arsenal and Army sides during the war years, but in the main it will be the thousands of cricket-lovers who delighted in last year's memorable batting of Denis and his Middlesex "twin," Bill Edrich, who will want to read "Playing for England."

It makes lively, friendly reading, but more careful proofreading would have eliminated such errors as "Barrel" for "Barrett" (the bowler), and reference to Etherington as "now one of my Middlesex colleagues," whereas Etherington registered with Leices-tershire some time ago.

1. K1—K1; threat, 2 R—R2 (ch).
2. ♠—D; K7; 2 KX(QP); 1 K—B7;
2. KXBP.

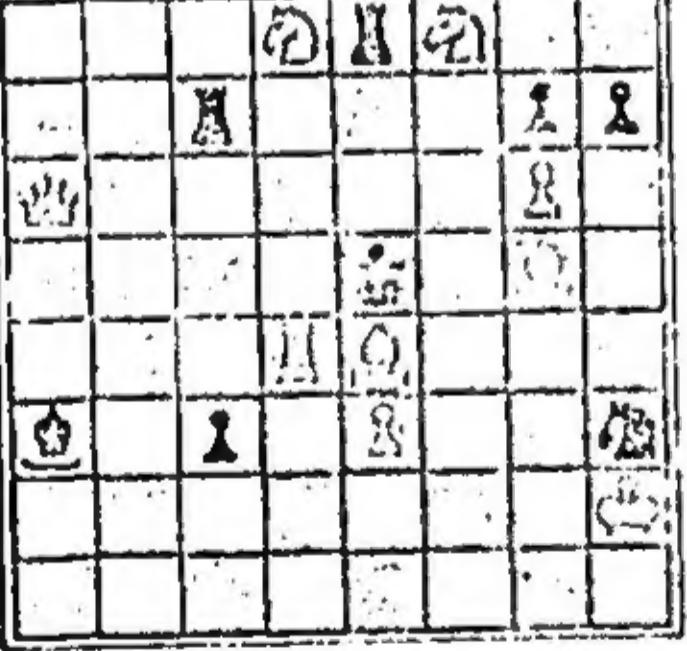
Solution to yesterday's problem:

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2. KXBP.

Answers on Column 5

CHESS PROBLEM

BY ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

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2. ♠—D; K7; 2 KX(QP); 1 K—B7;
2. KXBP.

Answers on Column 5

SPRING FEVER

by P. G. Wodehouse

(Jenkins, 8/0)

THE square, stout Earl with a fortune of 2s. 6d. and an ambition to marry the cook and buy a public house.... Spink Mervyn, slate-whiskered and over-elegant butler.... the penitent burglar Augustus Robb.... one or two beguiling females.... and, of course, a castle with a moat.

Yes, Wodehouse—as nimble as ever—is at play again mixing romance and mischief in heavy doses. Who else but Wodehouse could conjure up the following scene between an English Earl and an ex-American baseball champ?

"Every time Lord Shortlands is at Stanwood, he felt that, while Stanwood unquestionably resembled a hippopotamus in appearance, it would be genuine pleasure to fraternise with him. And every time Stanwood looked at Lord Shortlands, it was to say to himself: 'Granted that this bimbo looks like a buster out on the loose, nevertheless something whispers to me that we could be friends....'

"Every time Lord Shortlands blinks does something to a man who is drinking a cocktail at the moment.

Stanwood choked and turned purple. Recovering his breath, he said (with some justice): 'Hey' and Lord Shortlands hastened to explain. He said: 'Wasp.'

'Wasp,' repeated Lord Shortlands, and with a pointing finger directed the other's attention to the remains. 'Wasp,' he added, driving the thing home. Stanwood viewed the body, and all doubt concerning the purity of his presentation left him.

"'Wasp,' he said, fully concurring. 'Wasp,' said Lord Shortlands, summing the thing up rather neatly. 'Messing about on your back. I squashed it.'

Darned good of you.'
'Not at all.'

'Courageous, too.'

No, no. Perhaps a certain presence of mind. Nothing more. Offer you a cocktail?"

Answers on Column 5

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Master Thomas, just you think about all those poor little American girls and boys having two meatless days a week and stop making all this fuss over a little bit of gristle!"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IN the morning of the world,

I when my shadow in the doorway of any tavern from Dancharia to Elie made the bravest muleteers lower their voices and flinch, there was a wise old man living under the Balmutois, and he said, 'Drink wine while you can, for it is far too good a thing to last in this abominable world. One day we shall hold out our glasses and they will not be filled. And then men will degenerate into two-legged beasts, with no courage; no laughter, no sense of honour, no noble impulses.' And I, to whom the mountain torrents told their secrets under the Pyrenean moon, laughed at his fears. He must be dead by now, but his son still has all the wine he wants. If ever I return to the squat house among the rocks, I will tell him about the new British Sparkling Pontel-Canet they are processing in Wadsworth.

Yesterday's severe slump in Brazilian rails and utilities was practically wiped out this morning on information that there was no truth in the report that Brazil does not intend to devote any of her sterling resources to purchase British-owned interests.—United Press.

Overall marginal flexibility

"Prescribed percentage" means the percentage which bears to the approximate percentage specified in column 4 of the First Schedule hereto the same ratio as the wholesale cost of goods sold to retailers bears to the aggregate of the wholesale cost of (a) goods sold to retailers and (b) goods transferred to retail branches during the six monthly period.

THIS is not from the works of C. Suet, Esq., but is quoted by a City Editor from a new Order issued to business men, and is evidently designed to prevent people who sell sandwich-buckets or trapezes from including their retail costs in the transfer figures applied to such goods as carrier-pigeons—wing-sheaths, snouts for toy zebras, scissor-cases, and reflector-disks for eel-jellying apparatus.

Would you rob their nests?

Net For Black Milkmen Spreads To New Countries
(Headline in morning paper.)

A FOREIGNER on holiday asked me what kind of bird is the black milkman, and why it is not protected under the Wild Birds Protection Act. When I told him it was not a bird, but a man who delivers milk, he said he had no idea the colour bar in Britain extended to Negro tradesmen.

In passing.

WHENEVER an English cricket team is thoroughly trounced in a Test match, some "authoritative spokesman" is sure to say that if we were not far too sporting to complain, we could justly claim that half our side was unfit, that we lost the toss, that the sun was in our eyes, and that by a crowning stroke of bad luck, our opponents played better than we did. I have just read the words "Victory or defeat in themselves matter little." Then what is the point of sending men thousands of miles to play cricket, and why blubber when they are beaten?

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Florence Nightingale. 2. Aconcagua in the Andes Mountains in Argentina—23,000 feet. 3. The common fresh water eel. 4. Louis Blériot. 5. In prison.

Answers on Column 5

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Threat To Rubber Industry

Synthetic Products Make Big Inroads

London, June 22.—The growing inroads made by synthetic rubber into the production and uses of the natural product will be the principal concern of delegates to the first postwar international conference on rubber technology, opening in London on Wednesday.

More than 600 delegates from 22 countries will attend the three day conference sponsored by the Institution of the Rubber Industry, the first to be held since 1938.

Mr F. D. Ascoli, British President of the conference, said today that synthetic rubber "offered a challenge" to the natural rubber industry, adding that the demand for rubber at present could not be met by supplies of natural rubber alone.

Based on 1947 production and consumption, he said the world was using 250,000 tons of natural rubber and 400,000 tons of the synthetic product annually.

The challenge of synthetic rubber depended on improvements made in its production and usage, he said.

STRICTLY TECHNOLOGICAL

Mr Ascoli said he did not think it would ever be economically profitable to manufacture synthetic rubber in Britain because its principal base was petroleum, which had to be imported.

The conference, he said, would not be concerned with trading and commercial problems of the rubber industry, nor with political and economic problems, but solely with the scientific and technological advancement of the raw materials to the finished products.

The conference, he added, would extend "discussions among rubber technologists of all nations."

"We have even got representatives from countries that lie behind the Iron Curtain," he said. "We feel that knowledge is free and the more it is shared and discussed together, the better it will be for the world".

The countries to be represented at the conference include Australia, Ceylon, Denmark, Britain, Holland, India, Malaya, New Zealand, Rhodesia, South Africa, Trinidad and the United States.—Associated Press.

Commonwealth Conference

London, June 22.—Mr P. J. Noel Baker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, is expected to announce on Monday the provisional arrangements for a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers and representatives in London.

It is probable that the conference will take place in October, but authoritative quarters indicate the possibility of a last-minute change of date.

The Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, India and possibly Ceylon are expected to attend. Dr Daniel Malan, the Prime Minister of South Africa, is unlikely to be present, and there is so far no information on the intentions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

The Prime Minister of Canada is expected in London later this year, though whether in time for the conference is not clear.—Reuter.

LAST PHASE OF REPATRIATION

London, June 22.—The last group of German prisoners of war in Britain will leave on July 12 for Germany, the War Office announced today.

This will complete the repatriation of most of the 404,377 German prisoners who were in Britain in August, 1946.

Some 24,000 will remain in Britain as volunteer agricultural workers under a Government scheme. Altogether 31,000 asked to stay.

The conduct of the prisoners while in Britain has been officially described as "on the whole excellent."—Reuter.

Submarine Mountain Found Off Bermuda By Scientists

Woodshole, Massachusetts, June 22.—Sea-going scientists who spent over six months charting the depths of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea have discovered a 6,000-foot submarine mountain off Bermuda.

Officials of the famed Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution disclosed that their research vessel, the *Atlantis*, recently returned from a 20,000-mile voyage, also found evidence indicating that life on the ocean floor is more plentiful than previously believed.

They said newly developed cameras had enabled them to make photographs at greater depths than ever before, as much as three and a half miles beneath the ocean surface. In addition to taking photographs and soundings along the ocean bed, the expedition made

Expensive Kittens

London, June 22.—A cat that had five kittens has cost the Honourable Mrs Alice McLaren Morrison, daughter of a baron, a fine of £10.

Mrs Morrison was first summoned in May for keeping 25 birds, 16 cats, eight dogs and 13 guinea pigs in her 20-roomed London house "in such a state as to cause a serious infestation of mice and nuisance from flies".

The house was described in court as "a menagerie". Mice ran freely among the cats and fed in the birds' cages.

She was ordered to remove the causes of the complaint within 14 days. A sanitary inspector told the court that there were now five more animals than when he first visited the house—all kittens.

There had been some deaths among the birds, but they had been replaced since.

Counsel for Mrs Morrison said she had made ceaseless efforts to find a home for her animals and birds.—Reuter.

Creech Jones Promises Action In Malaya

London, June 22.—Britain will provide an "adequate force" to restore confidence and maintain public security in the face of the present outbreaks of terrorism and violence in Malaya, the Colonial Secretary, Mr Arthur Creech Jones, said today.

He was addressing a deputation representing planting, mining, banking, insurance and commercial interests in the country and the Incorporated Society of Planters of Malaya.

The deputation told him that the recent murderous attacks and intimidation were part of an organised plan to overthrow the Government and were in no sense due to the dissatisfaction of the workers, with conditions of employment.

Mr Creech Jones gave assurances that the British Government was "determined to eradicate the root cause of the trouble".

High Commissioner, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, being given all powers and, where necessary, bills would be submitted to the Legislative Council, he added.

LATEST SITUATION

Singapore, June 22.—No fresh violence was reported from Malaya tonight following the widespread roundups on Monday, of more than 600 persons suspected of being involved in the wave of terrorism.

A dispatch from Ipoh tonight said that the Chinese detective reported killed by terrorists early today in Perak State was still living, though seriously wounded.

Twenty-eight persons have now been killed since the allegedly Communist directed reign of terror began.

The Malayan Government's Big Three—Mr Malcolm MacDonald, the Foreign High Commissioner Sir Edward Gent and the Singapore Governor Sir Franklin Gimson—today for the third time since Friday, Police chiefs were summoned to the conference, held at Kuala Lumpur.

Meanwhile, the trial on sedition charges of Lew Yit-fun, publisher of the Communist newspaper Ming Sheng Pao, opened today.—Associated Press.

READY TO MOVE 50,000 REFUGEES

Geneva, June 22.—The International Refugee Organisation is ready to move 50,000 Jewish refugees to Palestine, if the present truce results in a peaceful settlement.

Mr William H. Tuck, the Organisation's Executive Secretary, told a press conference in Geneva today that the movement of 50,000 Jews could begin as soon as conditions in Palestine permit it. The figure had been agreed with representatives of the Jewish Agency, Mr Tuck said. It was based on the IRO budget, with an estimated cost of £30 per person.

While negotiations between Arabs and Jews were in progress, the IRO would not sponsor Palestine immigration, he said.

"If, as all of us hope, the truce grows into peace, it is our intention to engage in resettlement in Palestine to the full limit of the opportunities presented by the conditions of the peace."—Associated Press.

TRADE MISSION

Canberra, June 22.—An Australian trade mission left for Japan today to investigate supplies of rayon and silk for Australia.

The mission is headed by Acting Director-General of Tariffs, V. Clark, and comprises six others including two treasury officials.—United Press.

Foreign Policy Platform

DECLARATION BY REPUBLICANS

Philadelphia, June 22.—The Republican platform, adopted by the Resolutions Committee early today, and expected to be approved by the Party's National Convention tomorrow, carries a foreign policy embracing the internationalist views of Senator Arthur Vandenberg.

Isolationists sought vainly to reduce the breadth of the party's foreign policy commitments. This policy pledges aid along the lines of the European recovery plan, but "within the prudent limits of our own economic welfare."

It pledged: "We welcome and encourage the steady progress towards unity in Western Europe."

"We believe in collective security against aggression and on behalf of justice and freedom."

"We shall support the United Nations as the world's best hope in this direction."

"We particularly commend the value of regional arrangements as prescribed by the Charter."

"We take pride in the fact that the Republican Party was the first to call for the establishment of a free and independent Jewish Commonwealth."

FRIENDSHIP WITH CHINA

"We will foster and cherish our historic policy of friendship with China."

"We shall seek to restore autonomy and self-sufficiency as rapidly as possible in our postwar occupied areas, guarding always against any rebirth of aggression."

The Committee also adopted a Civil Rights policy that varied slightly from that of President Truman which had caused a revolt among the Southern States. It calls for the outlawing of lynching, the abolition of the poll tax, but opposes racial segregation in the forces.

The platform promised to combat inflation by cutting government wages, reducing the public debt, stimulating production and maintaining a sound currency.

The Committee declined to recommend support of worldwide commodity agreements and the recently negotiated wheat agreement.—Reuter.

King Gives Up A Title

London, June 22.—The King relinquished his Royal title of "Emperor of India" by a proclamation in the Gazette tonight.

This step, forecast some months ago, is one of the changes following the transfer of power to India and Pakistan. The title was one of the few remaining links with the British rule in India.

The effect of the proclamation will be to exclude the words "Emperor of India" from British coinage, documents, medals and possibly some stamps.

The King will no longer sign himself "George R." (Rex Imperator) but simply "George R".

The change, under the Charter of Westminster, required the assent of the other Dominions and Eire, which explains the length of time taken to effect it.

Most of the countries concerned took the necessary legislative steps to endorse the change. Eire was the last.—Reuter.

Vietnamese Flee To Siam

Bangkok, June 22.—Siamese immigration officials estimated that up to today a total of 10,000 Vietnamese have entered Siam to escape the fighting in Indo-China since hostilities broke out between the French and the native population in December, 1948.

Refugees are said to be in the largest number in Nongkai, Hokkien, Pnom and Ubon Ratchathani. An official report from Nongkai stated that 600 Vietnamese have applied for permits of residence in Siam.

Siamese officials here stated that the government regarded the Vietnamese refugees as "war victims" who have a claim to Siamese assistance.

Vietnamese sources in Bangkok estimate that there are now about 100,000 Vietnamese in Siam.—United Press.

PENSIONS FOR US COAL MINERS

Washington, June 22.—A Federal court today gave John L. Lewis legal approval for his \$100 monthly pension plan for retired coal miners. The court dismissed a plea for a court order to block payment of pensions from a welfare fund.—Associated Press.

5-Power Meeting

Paris, June 22.—The Foreign Ministers of five Western European nations will meet on July 20, in the Hague to examine their joint military and strategic needs, official quarters in Paris said today.—Associated Press.

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